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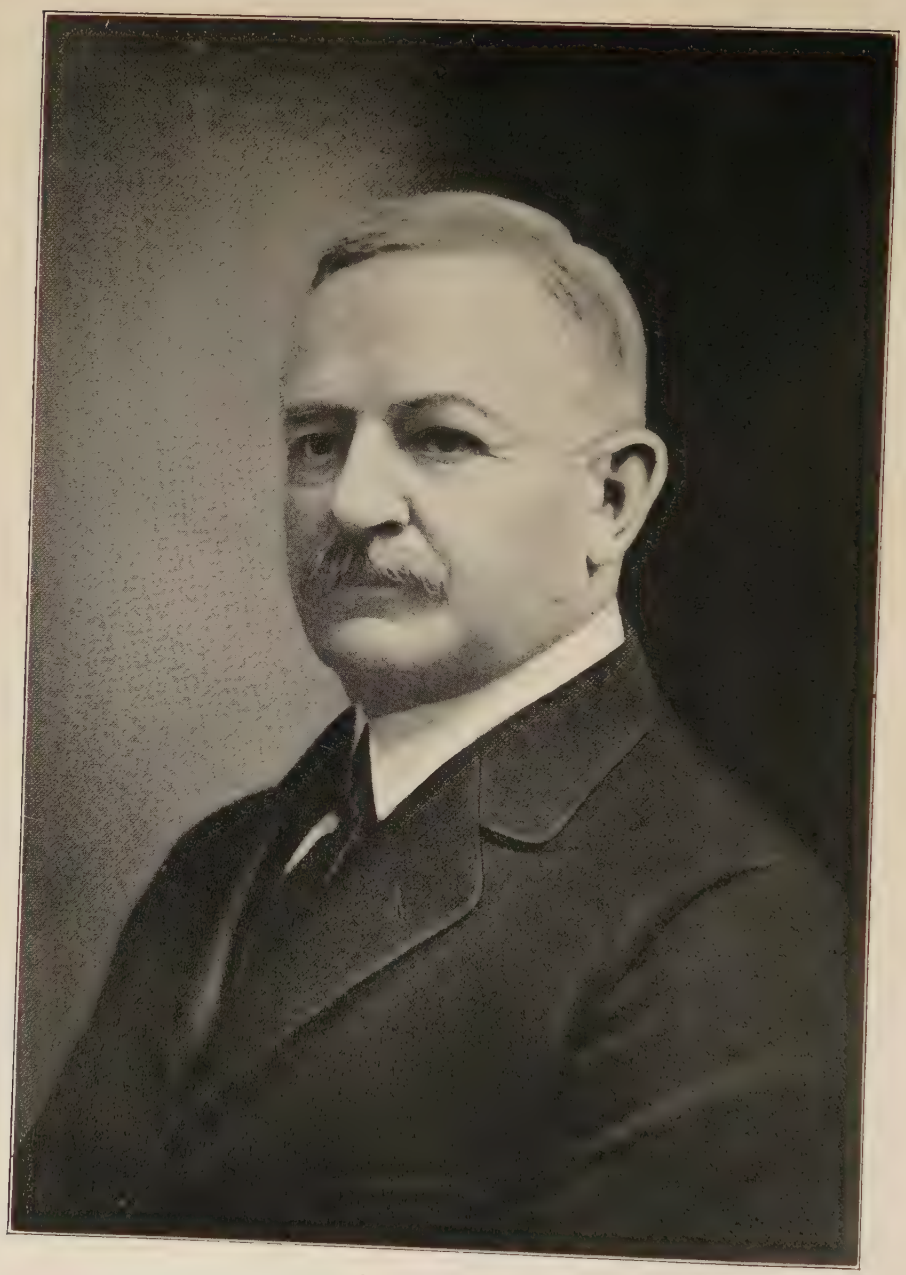

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VOLUME II.

History of Erie County

BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY—CONTINUED

A. Elverton Sisson, who ranks among the prominent attorneys of Erie County, was born at Dayton, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1851, being the son of Nathaniel and Salina (Phillips) Sisson.

The Sisson family is of English descent, having settled in that country in 1066, and having held New England residence since 1640. The first American ancestor was Richard Sisson, born in 1608, who came to America soon after the landing of the "Mayflower." He settled at Portsmouth, R. I., where he possessed lands that long remained in the family. He afterward became owner of large tracts of land in Dartmouth, Mass., his death occurring in 1684. James Sisson, son of Richard Sisson, from whom A. Elverton Sisson is of the sixth generation in descent, married Lydia Hathaway, daughter of Arthur and Sarah (Cook) Hathaway. John Cook, father of Sarah, and Francis Cook, father of John Cook, were passengers on the Pilgrim vessel Mayflower, while the maternal grandmother of Lydia Hathaway, Sarah (Warren) Cook, was a daughter of Richard Warren, who also sailed on that vessel. Most of the Sissons of early years were members of the Society of Friends. James Sisson, of the second American generation, was a collector of taxes for the Massachusetts town in which he lived, and suffered imprisonment because he would not collect the Church of England tax.

Nathaniel Sisson, great grandfather of A. Elverton, was a native of Dartmouth, Mass., born Nov. 11, 1756, and died at Queenstown, N. Y.,

on May 10, 1840. His wife, Grace Gifford, was also a native of Dartmouth, Mass., born Sept. 16, 1761, and died at Queenstown, on Sept. 4, 1843. The grandfather, Benjamin Sisson, born Jan. 22, 1791, was a native of Queenstown, and died at Brant, N. Y., in 1874. In 1820 Benjamin Sisson moved from Queenstown, N. Y., where his father had settled at the close of the Revolutionary War, and established a home near Buffalo. For many generations the majority of the Sisson family were Quakers, but Benjamin, the grandfather, was debarred from the church, as he had married Sally Ferris, a woman outside the faith. Nathaniel, father of A. Elverton Sisson, was a farmer and a native of Erie County, N. Y., born in 1821, his wife, Salina Phillips, being born near Glens Falls, N. Y., in 1819. Mrs. Sisson was a daughter of Samuel D. and Hannah (Wing) Phillips. The Wing family, on the maternal side, was also identified with the Society of Friends, and was long established at Glens Falls, and Sandy Hill, N. Y., whither different members had moved from Massachusetts, prior to the migration of the Sisson family. In 1854 Nathaniel Sisson settled in Crawford County, Pa., and five years later moved to Springfield, Erie County, where he died in 1885. His first wife passed away in 1851, the year of the birth of A. E. Sisson, of this sketch.

A. Elverton Sisson received his education in the common schools of Crawford and Erie County and at the Kingsville, Ohio, Academy, the West Springfield, Pa., Academy, and the North East, Pa., Seminary. He taught school and was in business a short time, then began the study of law, and in 1881 gained admission to the bar of Erie County, and almost from the start gained favor as an attorney. His political activities began early and in 1885 and 1886 he held the chairmanship of the Republican County Committee, the following year being elected prosecuting attorney of Erie County. He succeeded himself in this office through reelection in 1890, his being the first instance in which a prosecuting attorney of Erie County had been elected for two successive terms. In 1900 he became the candidate of his party (Republican) for state senator, was elected and reelected in 1904 and again in 1908, thus setting a new mark as being the first senator from the Erie district to hold a seat in the Senate for three successive terms. At the conclusion of the session of 1907 he was elected president pro tempore of the Senate and again became presiding officer of that body of the Legislature in 1909. During the special session of the Senate in 1906 he served as a member of the committee investigating the state insurance department and in 1909 was chairman of the committee

on railroads, and a member of the commission created at the session of that year to investigate all transactions in connection with the building and furnishing of the Pennsylvania State Capitol, and several men were sent to the penitentiary as a result of this investigation. President of the Senate, a member of the most important senatorial committee, and one of the leaders of his party, Mr. Sisson displayed rare political genius and wrote boldly a record of public service that will long endure.

Mr. Sisson was elected auditor general of Pennsylvania on Nov. 2, 1909, having been the unanimous choice of his party for that office. At the notification meeting informing Mr. Sisson of his nomination for this office, the chairman of the meeting spoke in part as follows: "Senator A. E. Sisson, you are the unanimous choice of the Republicans of Pennsylvania for the office of auditor general. There existed special reasons for your selection for the office. You have an excellent reputation as a lawyer, your capacity and integrity as a business man are generally recognized, as legislator of wide experience for years, you have been identified with public affairs. You are familiar with the duties of auditor general and no other man in this state possesses higher qualifications for the performance of those duties. You are a public spirited and progressive citizen and your selection by the convention should be enthusiastically ratified at the polls." The fulfillment of the above prediction is now a matter of history and Mr. Sisson's efficient administration of the office has added to the lustre of his achievements in public life and has given a new appreciation of generous talents already recognized. In 1920 he was again elected to the state Senate, and his term expired with 1924. In 1907 he succeeded in securing an appropriation from the state of Pennsylvania of $150,000 for constructing and building the "public steamboat landing or wharf upon state lands of the Port of Erie, by producing State Street northwardly into the harbor commencing on the north side of the public dock at the foot of State Street in the City of Erie, and extending northwardly about 600 feet, and 100 feet in width, to the harbor line established by the U. S. engineer." The splendid dock at the foot of State Street is the result of this legislation secured by the then Senator Sisson.

In 1909 and 1911, he, with others, secured the enactment of legislation in Pennsylvania that brought about the building of the splendid Perry's Victory Memorial at Put In Bay, commemorating the victory won by Commodore Perry and his fleet at the Battle of Lake Erie, and in 1913 he was instrumental in securing an appropriation by the state of Penn-

sylvania of the sum of $150,000 for raising and restoring the brig "Niagara" and "the erection of a permanent marker, arch or memorial at the city of Erie, Pa., commemorating the building of the fleet at that place, as well as the splendid manner in which, in the hands of the brave Commander Perry and the gallant men who fought with him, it performed its errands at the Battle which followed its construction," and in 1921, when a member of the Senate, he prepared, introduced and aided by Hon. J. Reed Craig, member of the House from Erie, secured the enactment into law of a bill providing that the Presque Isle peninsula and certain water property in the Bay of Presque Isle "be preserved, maintained, improved, enlarged, and forever held as a public park, to be known as Pennsylvania State Park at Erie."

Mr. Sisson was president of the Pennsylvania Perry's Victory Centennial Commission and treasurer general of the Interstate Board of Perry's Victory Commissions, the latter of which built the splendid monument at Put In Bay, Ohio, and now that board and commission has become a national commission and he is vice president of it. He took a very active part with others in bringing about the erection of that memorial, which has now, by act of Congress, been made a national memorial. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission and is a member of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Society of New York, the Erie Club, the Harrisburg Club of Harrisburg, Pa., and the Elks Lodge of Erie. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has taken an active interest in all these organizations, availing himself of the special benefit of each as often as possible.

On Dec. 13, 1888, Mr. Sisson married Miss Lena L. Spencer, daughter of Dr. H. A. Spencer, a leading physician of Erie for a number of years. They have a son, Spencer Alec Sisson, a practicing attorney of Erie.

Spencer Alec Sisson, son of A. Elverton Sisson and Lena L. (Spencer) Sisson, was born in Erie, Nov. 2, 1889. He completed his public school course with graduation from Erie High School in 1908, going thence to Princeton University, there receiving his Bachelor's degree with the class of 1912. Choosing the profession of law, he entered Harvard Law School, whence he was graduated LL. B. in the class of 1915. In the autumn following, Mr. Sisson was admitted to the bar of Erie County and on Feb. 14, 1916, was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsyl-

vania. He began practice with his eminent father and so continued until Dec. 6, 1917, renewing the affiliation in November, 1919, under the firm name of A. E. & S. A. Sisson, of Erie.

Mr. Sisson enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve Force, Dec. 6, 1917, and was released from active duty April 10, 1919, serving in the supply corps with the rank of ensign.

He is a Republican in politics and a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church of Erie. He is a member of the American Legion, the Pennsylvania and the Erie County Bar associations, the University Club and the Kahkwa Club of Erie.

At Malletts Bay, Vt., on Aug. 11, 1917, Mr. Sisson was married to Miss Marguerite Amy Nash, the daughter of George and Isabelle (Marshall) Nash. They have a daughter, Lois Marshall Sisson, born at Erie, Jan. 25, 1921, and a son George Spencer Sisson, born likewise at Erie, on Nov. 1, 1922.

Dr. F. E. Ross, physician of Erie, who has practiced his profession for 25 years, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Waterford, Dec. 2, 1872, and is the son of L. M. and Nancy Jane (Lunger) Ross.

L. M. Ross, deceased, was born at Waterford, Pa., in 1841. He was a son of James S. Ross, who died in 1885. He moved to Waterford Township in 1851 and was engaged in lumbering for some time. His wife was Sarah Ann Wilson, a native of Vermont. L. M. Ross was a farmer in early life and later engaged in the threshing business. He died in January, 1921, and his wife died in October, 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Ross, who were married at Waterford, Pa., in 1863, had two children: Hattie Elizabeth Wells, born in 1863, lives at Waterford, Pa.; and Dr. F. E., the subject of this sketch.

After receiving his preliminary education in the schools of Waterford, from which he was graduated in 1894, Dr. F. E. Ross entered the medical school of the University of Buffalo, from which he received his degree in 1897. The following year was spent in the Buffalo General Hospital and in 1899 Doctor Ross came to Erie and established his practice at 137 East Eighth Street. After seven years he removed to 2012 Peach Street, later to 154 West Eighth Street, and in 1919 he located at his present address, 134½ West Ninth Street. Since 1912 Doctor Ross has specialized in pediatrics, after having spent a year in study at the Children's Hospital in Boston. He has been connected with the

staff of Hamot Hospital for 18 years and is also a member of St. Vincent's Hospital staff.

On June 20, 1901, Doctor Ross was married to Miss Myrtice E. Watson, a native of New York and a daughter of Stephen and Emma E. (Bull) Watson. To Doctor and Mrs. Ross three sons have been born: Cecil E., born Dec. 7, 1902, a student at Allegheny College; Everett L., born June 17, 1907, a student; and Robert W., born Sept. 21, 1912.

Doctor Ross is identified with the Medical Society of Erie County, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, Erie Clinical Society and Erie General Dispensary. He and his family hold membership in the First Methodist Episcopal Church and are well and favorably known in the community.

Leonard Pasqualicchio, president of the Bank of Italy, is a representative business man of Erie. He was born at Troia, Italy, April 28, 1886, and is the son of Pasquale and Josephine Pasqualicchio. The Pasqualicchio family came to America in 1891. The father and mother are both deceased.

Leonard Pasqualicchio worked his way through school as a printer's boy. He attended the public schools, was graduated from the high school of Brockwayville, Jefferson County, Pa., and was also graduated from the State Normal School at Clarion, Pa., in 1905. The following 10 years were spent in the printing business, after which Mr. Pasqualicchio was appointed Italian court interpreter for Clarion, Jefferson and Elk counties, Pa. In 1908 he went to Corry, Pa., where he was connected with the Evening Journal for five years. During that time he was appointed probation officer by Judge Walling. In 1913 he was appointed court interpreter for Erie and removed to Erie at this time. Later, with his brother he became interested in the wholesale grocery business, the business being known as Pasqualicchio Bros. This partnership was dissolved in 1919, our subject taking over the real estate representatives of the steamship lines and foreign exchange end. Mr. Pasqualicchio continued in this business until the organization of his bank in 1921. The Bank of Italy is a private bank under state supervision. It has had a steady growth and at the end of the year, 1924, had assets amounting to $184,791.70. It is located at 444 West 18th Street.

On Dec. 10, 1906, Mr. Pasqualicchio was united in marriage with Miss Lucille Aquilino, of Troia, Italy. They have four children: Leonard, Jr.,

a student at Academy High School; Louisa, also a student at Academy High School; Dora and Robert.

In politics Mr. Pasqualicchio is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Sons of Italy, Italian National Club, and the Italian Business Men's & Professional Club. He was an active war worker during the recent World War, being prominent in the various Liberty Loan Drives, as well as a four minute Speaker, appointed by the late President Wilson. Mr. Pasqualicchio is an enterprising and energetic business man and well known throughout Erie County.

Mr. Pasqualicchio is the authorized representative of the Banca Commerciale Italiana, of Naples, Italy, one of the largest banking institutions of the kingdom of Italy.

Through Mr. Pasqualicchio's activities during the World War in benefit of the Italian Red Cross, he received a special decoration and a First Degree Diploma by the Italian government, Red Cross Department.

Dr. Charles G. Strickland, a leading physician and surgeon of Erie, with offices at 153 West Seventh Street, was born here, and is the son of the late Dr. David Hayes Strickland.

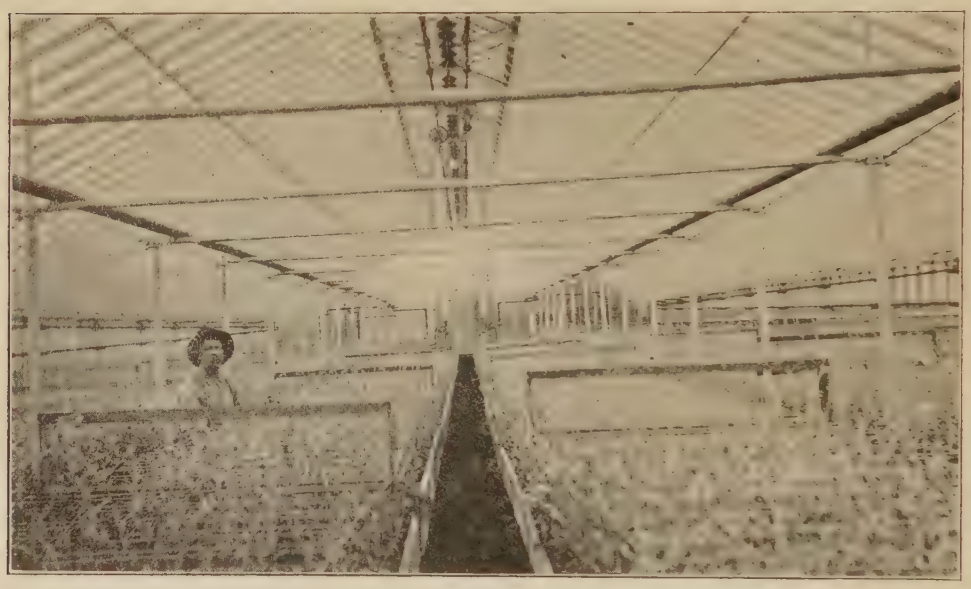
Doctor Strickland was graduated from Erie High School in the class of 1897 and in 1904 received his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania. The following two years were spent in Philadelphia hospitals and in 1906 Doctor Strickland came to Erie and engaged in the practice of his profession with his father at 702 Sassafras Street. His father spent 40 years here in the practice of medicine and met with unusual success. Doctor Strickland specializes in obstetrics and gynaecology. He is an ex-president of the Erie County Medical Society and is a member of the American College of Surgeons.

On Oct. 29, 1907, Dr. Strickland was married to Miss Clara L. Walker, the daughter of B. F. Walker, late vice president of the Erie Malleable Iron Works. They have two children: Benjamin W., born in November, 1908, a student at the Choate School, Wallingford, Conn.; and Jane G., born in May, 1911.

Doctor Strickland is a member of the Park Presbyterian Church, has served as president of the Erie Club and the Kahkwa Club, is vice president of the Marine National Bank, and is a director of the Erie Bolt & Nut Company and of the American Sterilizer Company.

Giles Marquis, vice president of the Schluraff Floral Company, was born on the Isle of Guernsey, Dec. 30, 1878, and is a son of Giles Clark and Lydia (Martel) Marquis.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Clark Marquis, residents of the Isle of Guernsey, are the parents of the following children: Sidney, engaged in the greenhouse business with his brother, Giles; Walter, lives at home with his parents; and John, who was killed during the World War while serving with Guernsey's forces under English command.



A CARNATION ROOM, SCHLURAFF FLORAL COMPANY

Giles Marquis left his native land in 1905 and located in Canada, where he engaged in the lumber business and also conducted a greenhouse until 1912. He has since lived in Erie and for the past ten years has been associated with the Schluraff Floral Company. He has complete charge of the large greenhouses on West Lake Road and is recognized as an authority on flower and plant life. The greenhouses of the Schluraff Floral Company cover 35,000 square feet. They have a wholesale and retail store at 30 West Eighth Street.

Mr. Marquis is a Republican and a member of the Episcopal church. He has an extensive acquaintance in Erie and stands high in the community.

GILES MARQUIS, VICE-PRESIDENT
SCHLURAFF FLORAL COMPANY

John Griffith is a leading business man of Erie, where he has had the agency for the Franklin automobile since 1910. He was born in England, June 2, 1882, and is the son of John and Mary (Owens) Griffith.

John Griffith, deceased, brought his family to this country in 1883 and settled in Erie, where he worked at his trade as blacksmith. There were five children in the Griffith family: Will, Robert, John, Hugh and Jeanette.

After completing his schooling in the public schools of Erie, John Griffith entered the employ of the Jarecki Manufacturing Company. He was later employed by the Erie Pail Factory, the Simmons Bros., the Epp Bros. Furniture Company, and Murphy Bros. He remained in the employ of the latter concern for seven years and received his experience in the automobile business with that company, who were then the local Franklin dealers. Mr. Griffith's business, which is located at 419 West 5th Street, is among the up-to-date agencies of the city. He has an attractive salesroom and a fine garage in connection.

On April 9, 1902, Mr. Griffith was united in marriage with Miss Anna Lundgren, of Sweden. They have one daughter, Nathalie, attending the Syracuse, N. Y., University.

Mr. Griffith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Automobile Association of Pennsylvania, the Erie Auto Dealers Association and the Board of Commerce. He has an extensive acquaintance and is highly esteemed in Erie.

Dr. J. C. M. Drake, who has ranked among Erie's leading physicians and surgeons for many years, is a native of New York. He was born at Panama, Chautauqua County, June 24, 1855, and is the son of Col. Jeremiah C. and Clara (Utley) Drake.

Col. Jeremiah C. Drake, deceased, was a descendant of one of the earliest families of New England. His father was a colonel of militia and his grandfather was a captain in the Revolutionary War. His ancestors were among the first settlers of the Empire State, and were descendants of the renowned Sir Francis Drake, the first circumnavigator of the globe. Colonel Drake was born at Salisbury, N. Y., April 19, 1824. At an early age he embraced religion under the Harmony Baptist Association, and throughout his life adhered with his whole heart and soul to his faith. He was graduated from Rochester University in 1852 and also during that year was ordained pastor of a church which he had organized at

Churchville, N. Y. Later he had a pastorate at Westfield, N. Y., and at the outbreak of the Civil War he joined the 49th New York Infantry as a captain under the Command of Col. D. D. Bidwell. In the fall of 1862 he was commissioned colonel in charge of the 112th Regiment and during his subsequent two years of service he was distinguished for his courage in action. During the battle of Cold Harbor he was mortally wounded and died the following day, June 2, 1864. His wife is also deceased. To Col. J. C. and Clara (Utley) Drake were born three children: J. C. M., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Jennie Leakey, resides in France; and Charles K., who died at the age of 14 years.

Dr. J. C. M. Drake attended Greylock Institute, Mass., after which he entered Cornell University, taking a literary and scientific course. After two years he entered Hahnemann College, Chicago, and was graduated from there in 1880, when 25 years of age. After practicing a year at Westfield, N. Y., in connection with Dr. George W. Seymour, he came to Erie, and has since been identified with the practice in this city. He has been president of the Erie County Homeopathic Medical Society, and is a member of the County, State and National societies. Since 1895 Doctor Drake has maintained his office at 720 Sassafras Street.

On June 4, 1890, Dr. Drake was married to Miss Cassie Crouch, the daughter of J. B. and Frances (Cook) Crouch, the former a prominent miller in Erie for many years. Mrs. Drake has a sister, Mrs. Florence Evans, who lives at Wabash, Ind. To Doctor and Mrs. Drake were born two children: Benson, born Feb. 20, 1891, lives at Jacksonville, Florida; and Clara Louisa Criswell, born Feb. 10, 1893, lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Doctor Drake attends the Park Presbyterian Church and is a representative citizen of Erie County.

Dr. Ira J. Dunn, who ranks among the leading physicians and surgeons of Erie, is a native of Crawford County, Pa. He was born Nov. 12, 1863, and is the son of Holton D. and Diantha (Curtis) Dunn, natives of Pennsylvania. Their family consisted of four children: Lizzie R.; Thomas D., a physician; Ira J., the subject of this sketch; and Arthur D., Dunn, a prominent physician of Omaha, Nebr.

Dr. Ira J. Dunn received his college preparatory education in the public schools of Crawford County, Pa., and in 1881 entered Allegheny College at Meadville, from which he was graduated in 1886. He then accepted the principalship of the Linesville public schools, where he remained one

year, and in 1887 he resigned the same and entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. At the end of the year he temporarily abandoned his medical studies and accepted the professorship of Latin in the First district normal school of West Chester. He remained there one year, when he returned to the University of Pennsylvania and in 1891 was graduated from the medical department. He then became assistant surgon in the Miner's State Hospital at Hazelton, Pa. He remained there about six months, when he resigned and began a special course on the eye. In March, 1892, he was appointed assistant physician at the State Hospital at Harrisburg, Pa., and after nearly a year in that institution he returned to Philadelphia and took a special course at the Philadelphia Polyclinic for graduates in medicine, on the eye, ear, nose and throat. He then engaged in practice at Meadville, where he remained but a short time, and in February, 1894, he located in Erie. Doctor Dunn has been in his present location in the Masonic Temple building since 1910. He has an excellent practice and is known as a thoroughly capable man in his profession. During the past year Doctor Dunn has been associated in practice with Dr. George H. Clapp.

Doctor Dunn was married Oct. 21, 1893, to Miss Addie E. Phillips, and they have four children: Thomas P., a successful young attorney of Erie; Dr. F. L., a graduate of the University of Chicago, also the Medical Department of Harvard University, now an interne in the Presbyterian hospital; Suzanne, attended the University of Chicago, and the Radcliffe College for Women at Harvard, now a graduate nurse, lives in Erie; and Florence, attended the Universities of Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

Doctor Dunn is a member of the County, State and the American Medical Association. He is also a member of the Association for the Advancement of Science, the Opthalmological and Oto-Laryngoligical and the Oxford (England) Opthalamological Congress.

Dr. Benjamin Goldman, who ranks among Erie's capable young physicians and surgeons, was born in New York, March 4, 1897, and is a son of William and Henrietta (Adler) Goldman. There were two children in the Goldman family: Benjamin and Hannah.

Dr. Benjamin Goldman was graduated from Fort Madison (Iowa) High School in 1916, and after receiving his degree of Bachelor of Science from the University of Iowa, he entered New York University where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1922. The following year

was spent as an interne at Bellevue Hospital, after which Doctor Goldman came to Erie. He is interested in anesthesia work and is a member of the staff of Hamot Hospital of the Erie Infants' Home and the B'nai B'rith Orphanage, Fairview. His office is at 156 West Eighth Street.

Dr. Goldman is a member of the Erie County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a Mason and belongs to the University Club and the Elks lodge.

Leonard G. Youngs, one of Erie County's highly esteemed and well known citizens, was born in North East Township, Dec. 13, 1853, and is the son of Sears and Jane (Harper) Youngs.

Sears Youngs was a native of Vermont, born in 1808. At an early date he settled in Erie County, where he improved 200 acres of land in North East Township, now known as Gulf Road. He was a prominent citizen of his time and held many township offices. He died in 1892, and his wife, who was born July 19, 1811, died March 29, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Youngs were the parents of the following children: Cordelia M., born Aug. 30, 1842, deceased; Levant, born in July, 1841, died Aug. 28, 1918; and Leonard G., the subject of this sketch.

L. G. Youngs was reared in North East Township and educated in the public schools, and Lake Shore Seminary, North East. He taught school several years, mostly in Ohio. He at one time was the principal of the Grafton Academy, Grafton, Ohio. In 1888 he was appointed postal clerk and worked on the Chicago, New York Railroad and two years later resigned his position and has since devoted his entire time to fruit growing and general farming. Since 1917 he has served as investigator of the state auditors and has collected more than $1,000,000. He also served as county commissioner of Erie County, from 1898 to 1901.

Mr. Youngs farm contains 60 acres of land, 20 of which are in grapes, 12 in prunes, and he has 1,000 peach trees, and 600 pear trees. He sells to the Welch Company of Westfield, N. Y.

On Dec. 31, 1874, Mr. Youngs was married to Miss Mary L. Covey, who died in 1891, leaving four children, as follows: Arthur F., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; Leonard, lives at home; Alfred L., married Gertrude Youngs, lives in North East Township; and Anna M., a teacher, lives in Idaho.

On July 4, 1894, Mr. Youngs was married the second time to Celia A. Dowman, a native of New London, Ohio, and to them were born three

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children: Blanche, died in infancy; Howard D., born in 1899, a graduate of North East High School, Allegheny College and Columbia University, now a radio engineer with the Crosley Radio Company, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Russell, married Miss Leonora Inghram, lives at North East.

Mr. Youngs is a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grange. He is among the representative citizens of the community and has a wide acquaintance.

Dr. George Arthur Reed, physician and surgeon, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in Erie since 1895, is a member of a family that has long been identified with the interests of Erie County. He was born in Mill Creek Township, Feb. 27, 1869, and is the son of John Grubb and Candace Eliza (Blair) Reed.

John Grubb Reed, deceased, was born on a farm in Mill Creek Township, Sept. 27, 1838, the son of Joseph and Jane (Grubb) Reed, who represented substantial pioner families of the county. Mr. Reed was a prominent citizen and progressive farmer of Mill Creek Township for many years, having served for two terms as tax collector and three terms as justice of the peace. He was also active in the affairs of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Mill Creek, having served as trustee, elder, and Sunday School superintendent. He died Nov. 7, 1923. Mr. Reed was married to Miss Candace Eliza Blair, daughter of John W. and Candace Blair. She was born Jan. 1, 1840, and died May 8, 1901. To Mr. and Mrs. Reed were born six children: John Elmer, a leading attorney of Erie and editor of this history; George Arthur, the subject of this sketch; Joseph W., deceased; Mary E., resides in Westminster, Pa.; Edith J., the wife of P. E. Carpenter, Westminster, and Dr. James R., a physician specializing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, Pasedena, Cal..

Dr. George Arthur Reed obtained his early education in the common schools and at the State Normal at Edinboro, and then entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1895. He returned to Erie and began the practice of his profession at 2113 Peach Street. On March 15, 1907, he removed to his present location, 122 West 21st Street.. He has an excellent practice and is known as a thoroughly capable man in his profession.

On Sept. 8, 1892, Doctor Reed was united in marriage with Miss Mabel A. Love, the daughter of James F. and Jeanette (Dunn) Love, of

Erie County. She was born June 1, 1870, and died March 1, 1917. Two sons were born to this union: Thomas H., born Jan. 29, 1895, lives at home; and James Richard, born March 31, 1900, a senior at Carnegie School of Technology where he is studying architecture. Doctor Reed was later married to Mrs. Jennie B. Reed, the widow of his brother, Joseph Wilbur Reed.

Doctor Reed is an active member of the Erie County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is a trustee of the Warren State Hospital for the Insane, and has served as a member of the Board of Health for 20 years. He was a charter member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is connected with St. Vincent's Hospital staff.

Dr. B. W. Sweet, a leading osteopathic physician of Erie, with offices at 216 West Seventh Street, is a native of Missouri. He was born in Sullivan County, in 1871.

Doctor Sweet received his early schooling in his native state and attended high school at Bancroft, Nebr. After studying medicine under a preceptor for nearly two years he went to Alaska in 1898, where he engaged in prospecting. He returned after a year and spent the following two years at Kirksville, Mo., where he studied osteopathy. He has been located in Erie since 1902, and practiced his profession in partnership with Dr. J. A. Root for several years. In 1905 he removed his office to 122 West 10th Street, and was later located on West 10th for 17 years. Doctor Sweet has been in his present location for six months.

On Jan. 11, 1899, Doctor Sweet was united in marriage with Miss Myrtle E. Edeburn, a native of Mercer County, Pa., and the daughter of Benton and Fannie Edeburn. To Doctor and Mrs. Sweet were born the following children: Hazard A., born Feb. 14, 1900, a doctor of osteopathy, who specializes in eye, ear, nose and throat diseases; Lucile, born Oct. 31, 1901, died June 7, 1910; Richard A., born Feb. 17, 1905, a student at Grove City College; and Robert L., born July 26, 1908, died in October, 1909.

Doctor Sweet is identified with the Masonic and Elk lodges. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and ranks among the substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Erie.

Dr. J. A. Dinnison, physician and surgeon of Erie, was born at Nauvoo, Pa., Nov. 11, 1877, and is a son of James and Harriet Dinnison.

Dr. J. A. Dinnison attended the public schools and in 1898 was graduated from business college in Elmira, N. Y., after which he was engaged as a bookkeeper for four years. He then attended Central State Normal School in Pennsylvania, and later engaged in teaching. He was graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1912 and spent the following year as an interne in the Williamsport (Pa.) General Hospital. Doctor Dinnison began the practice of his profession at Coudersport, Pa., where he remained five years. He has been located in Erie since 1918, where he has established an excellent practice. His offices are located at 147 West Eighth Street.

In 1916 Doctor Dinnison was united in marriage with Mrs. Rose S. (Simmons) Babcock, who had two children by her former marriage, Clara and Wilbert Babcock.

Doctor Dinnison is a Republican, a member of the United Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is identified with the Erie County Medical Society and is recognized as a capable physician and surgeon.

Dr. J. A. Stackhouse, who ranks among the leading physicians and surgeons of Erie, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Ambler, Pa., and is the son of John D. and Adella (Sperry) Stackhouse.

After attending the public and high schools of his native city, Doctor Stackhouse took a business course at Philadelphia and in 1907 entered Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His interne work was done at the Children's Homeopathic Hospital of Philadelphia and the Homeopathic Hospital of Rochester, N. Y. Doctor Stackhouse then located in Erie, where he established his practice at 326 Sassafras Street. At the time of the World War in 1917 he enlisted and served as a first lieutenant with the 77th Division, taking part in numerous battles and drives, including the Meuse Argonne. Doctor Stackhouse was seriously wounded in service, and is a member of the Disabled Veterans of the World War, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Upon his return to Erie after the close of the World War, Doctor Stackhouse was located at 116 West 8th Street. He has established an excellent practice and is now located at 156 W. Eighth Street. For

several years he maintained an office at 814 Peach Street. He is connected with the staff of Hamot Hospital and also with the Infants' Home of Erie.

Doctor Stackhouse is identified with the County, State and American Medical Associations, is a member of the American Legion, now president of the Exchange Club of Erie. He is secretary of the Sailors and Soldiers Home of Erie. Doctor Stackhouse holds membership in the First Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican.

Melvin Z. Sherman, one of the well known citizens of East Springfield, now living retired, is a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Springfield Township, Erie County, Aug. 6, 1846, and is the son of Z. L. and Elizabeth (Levins) Sherman.

Z. L. Sherman was born in New York and his wife was born there also. He was among the early settlers of Luzerne County, Pa., where he cleared and operated 200 acres of land. He died in 1901 and his wife died in 1905. They had seven children, as follows: Eunice L., married Rev. Alden Allen, both deceased; Melvin Z., the subject of this sketch; Winfield S., lives at North Girard, Pa.; Olive L., deceased, was the wife of Perry Frisbiee; Mahala M., married O. M. Ellis, lives at East Springfield; John L., lives at East Springfield; and Alta V., married Chauncey Strong, both deceased.

Melvin Z. Sherman was educated in the schools of East Springfield and until his retirement was prominently identified with the agricultural interests of this section. He served throughout the Civil War and took active part in the battles of Resaca, Kenasaw Mountain, Nashville, Jonesboro, and Spring Hill.

Mr. Sherman was married first on March 27, 1867, to Miss Lucy J. Weed, a native of Springfield Township, born Oct. 14, 1846, and died Nov. 23, 1921. Seven children were born to them: Alice, married Frank Sumner, deceased, and later married Guy Humes; Martha, married Harry L. Barker, East Springfield; William W.; J. B., lives at North Kingsville, Ohio; Bessie, married E. T. Salisbury, lives at Albion, Pa.; Belva, died in 1906; and Rev. Charles, a minister of the Christian church. Mr. Sherman was married Aug. 16, 1924, to Miss Sarah McFarland, a native of Springfield Township, born Aug. 26, 1855, and the daughter of William S. and Mercy (Weed) Seeley, who were the parents of the following children: Susan, the widow of Edgar Coman; Mrs. Sherman; Nancy, Ellen, Henry,

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Ida, all deceased; Harley, lives at Waldron, Mich.; and Etta, married R. Perry, lives retired at Waldron, Mich.

Mr. Sherman is a Republican and has served as constable of East Springfield for 18 years. He is a member of the Christian church and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Sherman family is among the highly respected pioneer families of Erie County and is favorably known.

Dr. Edward H. Drozeski, who ranks among the leading physicians and surgeons of Erie, was born in this city, March 27, 1880, and is the son of J. R. and Fredericka C. (Kolb) Drozeski.

J. R. Drozeski, who is state factory inspector of labor and industry, has spent his entire life in Erie, and lives at 505 Sassafras Street. He was married in 1879 to Miss Fredericka C. Kolb, also a native of this city, and they have two children: Dr. Edward H., the subject of this sketch; and Roland C., manager of the Lawrie Brothers Furniture Company of Erie.

Edward H. Drozeski was graduated from Erie High School in 1899, and in 1903 received his degree as Doctor of Medicine from the University of Buffalo. He spent the following year as an interne in the Buffalo General Hospital. In 1905 he returned to Erie where he established his practice at 211 East Sixth Street. He has been located at his present address, 117 East Sixth Street since 1908. In 1924 Doctor Drozeski spent three months in Europe, taking post graduate work in Paris, Vienna and Berlin. During the World War he served as medical examiner for the draft board. In 1918 he was appointed a member of the first civil service board and served until 1924. In 1918 he was appointed chief of State Genito-Urinary Clinic which service he organized and conducted until 1922.

Dr. Drozeski was married on April 29, 1920, to Blanche Whitehill, born at Meadville, Pa. She is a daughter of James C. and Elizabeth Whitehill, the former now deceased and the latter now living in Meadville, Pa.

Doctor Drozeski is a member of the Erie County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He is a Republican and a member of the University Club. Doctor Drozeski is a substantial citizen and stands high in his profession.

Dr. Samuel L. Scibetta, a prominent young physician and surgeon of Erie, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in Italy, Jan. 9, 1893, and is the son of Cosmo and Rose (Giglea) Scibetta.

Cosmo Scibetta brought his family to this country from Italy in 1897 and settled at North East, Pa. There were six children in the family: Anna, lives at North East; Mary Rizzo, lives at North East; Francis, lives at North East; Dr. Samuel L., the subject of this sketch; Louis, a student at Georgetown University; and one child died in infancy.

Dr. Samuel L. Scibetta spent his boyhood at North East and after his graduation from high school in 1913 he entered the University of Buffalo, where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1917. He spent the next year in Buffalo as an interne in Columbus Hospital.

During the World War Dr. Scibetta enlisted in the medical corps at Buffalo and was sent to Fort Oglethorpe as an instructor in the Medical Officers Training School. He was later sent to France and served with the medical corps at base hospital No. 48. After his discharge, Aug. 13, 1919, Dr. Scibetta came to Erie, where he spent six months as an interne at Hamot Hospital. He has taken post graduate work in Chicago and has already established an extensive practice in Erie, where he is widely known as an able physician and surgeon.

On Nov. 25, 1920, Dr. Scibetta was united in marriage with Miss Angeline Palmisno, a native of Erie. They have a daughter, Geraldine, born Jan. 23, 1924.

Dr. Scibetta is identified with the Erie County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. He is a member of the American Legion, the University Club, the National Club, the Ansonia Club, the Sons of Italy, and the Elks lodge. He is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church.

Dr. Maxwell Lick, physician and surgeon, who is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in Erie, is a member of a prominent pioneer family of Erie County. He was born at Albion, Pa., Oct. 25, 1884, and is the son of C. V. and Mary (Dietz) Lick.

C. V. Lick, who now lives retired at Albion, Pa., was engaged in the implement, harness and carriage business there for 50 years. He was born in 1859 and is the son of John L. and Eliza (Goodrich) Lick, and a grandson of Aaron Lick, who came to Erie County almost a century ago.

C. V. Lick was married in June, 1880, to Miss Mary Dietz, a daughter of Adam and Amanda Dietz, of Conneaut Township, Erie County. To this union were born three children: Milo Vernon, lives at Wesleyville, Pa.; Doctor Maxwell, the subject of this sketch; and Florence Elizabeth Loose, lives in Erie.

Doctor Maxwell Lick attended the public schools of Albion, Pa., and in 1902 graduated from high school. In 1908 he received his degree at Allegheny College, and four years later was graduated from the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania. His interne work was taken at the University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., and in 1914 Dr. Lick began the practice of his profession in Erie. He specializes in surgery and is a member of St. Vincent's Hospital staff as well as Hamot Hospital staff. He is surgeon for the New York Central Railroad and the Nickel Plate Railroad.

In July, 1915, Dr. Lick was married to Miss Mary MacLaughlin, and to this union three children have been born: Maxwell, Jr., born June, 1916; Robert, born in 1921, died in 1922; and Mary, born Oct. 31, 1923.

Doctor Lick is identified with the County, State and American Medical Societies and is a member of the American College of Surgeons. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a 32nd degree Mason, and a member of the Shrine and Elks Lodge. He is a capable physician and surgeon and is recognized as one of the leaders of his profession.

Dr. Frank A. Trippe. One of the well known and highly esteemed of the younger physicians and surgeons of the city of Erie is Dr. Frank A. Trippe, who is also a veteran of the World War. He was born in Sicily, Aug. 5, 1890, and is the son of John and Rose Trippe.

In 1891 John Trippe brought his family to this country and settled in Buffalo, N. Y., where he engaged in the grocery business until 1901, at which time he removed to Fredonia, N. Y., and engaged in general farming.

Dr. Frank A. Trippe attended the public schools and was graduated from Fredonia State Normal School in 1912, after which he entered the medical school of the University of Buffalo. After receiving his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1916, Doctor Trippe spent the following year as an interne in Columbus Hospital in Buffalo. In 1917 he removed to Erie, where he engaged in practice until April of that year, when he

volunteered for service during the World War. After three weeks in the Medical School at Washington, D. C., he was transferred to Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., and later to Camp Mills. Doctor Trippe was sent to France as a surgeon with Field Hospital No. 422 and was at the front during the Argonne and Meuse drives. After the close of the war he was transferred to the army Medical School at Lyons, France, where he remained until July, 1919. He was discharged from service at Camp Dix, N. J., Aug. 3, 1919, and immediately returned to Erie, and resumed his practice.

On May 6, 1918, Doctor Trippe was united in marriage with Miss Adeline Milani, a native of Buffalo, N. Y. They have two children: Elizabeth R., born Jan. 16, 1921; and Adele F., born Dec. 4, 1922.

Doctor Trippe is identified with the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and the Erie County Medical Society. He is a Republican, a member of St. Paul's Church, and belongs to the Sons of Italy, and Elks lodge.

Henry H. Hubbard, a highly respected pioneer citizen of Erie County, was born at Girard, Nov. 24, 1855, and is a member of one of the first families of this section. He is the son of George and Mary (Porter) Hubbard.

George Hubbard was a native of Litchfield, Conn., and one of the very early settlers of Erie County, having come here in 1818. He lived at North East for several years, after which he removed to Girard and purchased the old Evans farm, the present site of the Nickel Plate Railroad. He later removed to West Springfield, where he operated a sawmill for many years. He was also extensively engaged in the lumber business. To Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard the following children were born: Helen, deceased, was the wife of Hartley Graves; George A., lives at Conneaut, Ohio; A. M., deceased; Emma, deceased; and Henry H., the subject of this sketch.

Henry H. Hubbard began life as a farmer. He was educated in the district schools and attended North East Seminary. He has served as justice of the peace of West Springfield for a number of years and is now notary public. He has also been a member of the election board.

On Nov. 11, 1878, Mr. Hubbard was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Laughlin, born at Conneaut, Ohio, Aug. 24, 1857, and died Aug. 8, 1899. She was the daughter of Hugh and Mary (Luntz) Laughlin, natives

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of Ohio, and both now deceased. One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, S. H., who lives at Conneaut, Ohio. He has a son, Hugh H. Hubbard.

In politics Mr. Hubbard is identified with the Democratic party. He has always been a public spirited and progressive citizen.

Dr. A. G. Krum is a widely known specialist of this section, who has practiced his profession in Erie for the past 25 years. He was born at Mt. Zion, Lebanon County, Pa., Nov. 26, 1862, and is the son of Dr. George R. and Mary R. (Bucks) Krum.

Dr. George R. Krum was born in Lebanon County, Pa., and was engaged in practice at Mt. Zion for more than 20 years. He was born in 1836 and died July 8, 1876. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and at the time of the Civil War was drafted into service, but discharged after five days of service at Harrisburg, Pa. His wife, also a native of Pennsylvania, was born in 1836 and died in 1888. They had three children: Dr. Octavia Krum, a physician, was born June 15, 1861, lives at St. Petersburg, Fla.; Dr. A. G., the subject of this sketch; and Dr. Francis G., a physician, born March 15, 1865, lives in North Carolina.

The Krum family originally came to this country from Germany in 1764. John C. Krum settled in Lebanon County, Pa., during that year and the family became one of the leading pioneer families of the state. In 1792 John Krum, Esq., was appointed a captain by Thomas Miffin, at that time governor of Pennsylvania.

Dr. A. G. Krum was educated in the schools of Lebanon County and taught school for several years before taking up the study of medicine. He was graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1887 and spent the following three years in the practice of his profession at Mt. Zion, Pa. During the years 1891-92 he attended the University of Berlin, where he specialized in the study of women's diseases. Since 1899 Doctor Krum has been located in Erie continuously and has established an excellent reputation as a physician and surgeon. He is now practically retired, but still maintains his office at 163 West 18th Street.

On June 23, 1896, Doctor Krum was united in marriage with Miss Carrie A. Merriam, a native of Conneaut, Ohio, born Dec. 23, 1862, and the daughter of Dr. Edward and Phoebe (Keyes) Merriam, natives of Conneaut. Doctor Merriam, who died at the age of 80 years, practiced

his profession in Conneaut, Ohio, for more than 50 years. His wife is deceased.

Doctor Krum is a Republican, a member of the German Reformed Church of Lebanon, Pa., and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is identified with the County, State and American Medical Associations and ranks among the highly esteemed citizens of the community, in which he has spent so many years.

Dr. Norbert D. Gannon, a prominent physician of Erie, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in this city, Feb. 18, 1891, and is a son of William and Margaret (Eichenlaub) Gannon.

William Gannon is a well known citizen of Erie, where he has been engaged as a salesman for many years. He was married to Miss Margaret Eichenlaub, who was born in Erie, in September, 1866, the daughter of Joseph Eichenlaub, who owned and operated a shoe factory in Erie for many years. To Mr. and Mrs. Gannon were born five children, as follows: Ethel, at home; Marguerite, deceased; Lillian, at home; William, lives in New York city; and Dr. Norbert D., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Norbert D. Gannon received his education in the grade schools of Erie and was graduated from Central High School in 1911. He studied medicine at Loyola University, Chicago, and was graduated from that institution in 1917, and in 1921 granted an M. D. by the School of Medicine of the University of Pittsburgh. He served as an interne in St. Francis Hospital, Pittsburgh.

At the outbreak of the World War Dr. Gannon volunteered his services and served as a lieutenant in the medical corps. He spent one month at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., a month in the Brady Laboratory of Yale University, New Haven, Conn., a month in the Rockefeller Institute in New York city, and was then transferred to Allentown, Pa. He was later stationed in Hoboken, N. J., and from there was sent to Debarkation Hospital No. 3, New York city, and later became chief of the laboratory of Embarkation Hospital No. 4. After his discharge at the close of the war, Dr. Gannon took post graduate work in the Childrens Hospital at Pittsburgh, and later spent six months in the Magee Hospital there. In 1920 he came to Erie and established his office at 154 West 8th Street. He is now located at 349 West 9th Street, where he has a well established practice. Dr. Gannon specializes in the diseases of infancy and children, is medical inspector of public and parochial schools in Erie, has charge

of infant's department at St. Joseph's Home for Children, the Erie Day Nursery, is a member of the staff of Hamot Hospital and on the pediatric staff of St. Vincent's Hospital.

On Nov. 28, 1921, Dr. Gannon was united in marriage with Miss Loretta Emerick, a native of Meadville, Pa., and the daughter of William and Julia Emerick, residents of that place.

Dr. Gannon is identified with the Erie County, State and American Medical Associations. He is a member of St. Peter's Cathedral and belongs to the Elks lodge. He is a substantial citizen and stands high in his profession.

Dr. A. B. Miller is a prominent physician and surgeon of Erie and a veteran of the World War. He was born in Indiana County, Pa., March 19, 1881, and is a son of Henry S. and Mary (Baer) Miller.

Henry S. Miller, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania and a successful farmer during his life. His wife, who was born in Pittsburgh, is also deceased. They were the parents of the following children: S. C., lives in Cuba, where he is a structural engineer; Charles M., a farmer, lives in Indiana County, Pa.; H. E., an attorney, lives in Cleveland; Ira A., official photographer for the United States government, Beaufort, S. C.; Dr. A. B., the subject of this sketch; and R. V., who represents the Eastman Kodak Company at San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. A. B. Miller was educated in Pittsburgh, after which he entered the Medical School of the University of Pittsburgh. He received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1905, and spent the following year as an interne in the Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh. In 1906 Dr. Miller began the practice of his profession at North Girard, where he was located until 1921. Since moving to Erie he has been located at 159 West 8th Street.

During the World War Dr. Miller was commissioned a lieutenant, after attending the Medical Officers Training Camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. He was later transferred to Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, and from there to Ft. McPherson, Ga., where he remained until March 1, 1918, when he sailed for France where he remained until June 1, 1919. At the time of his discharge, Dr. Miller had attained the rank of major.

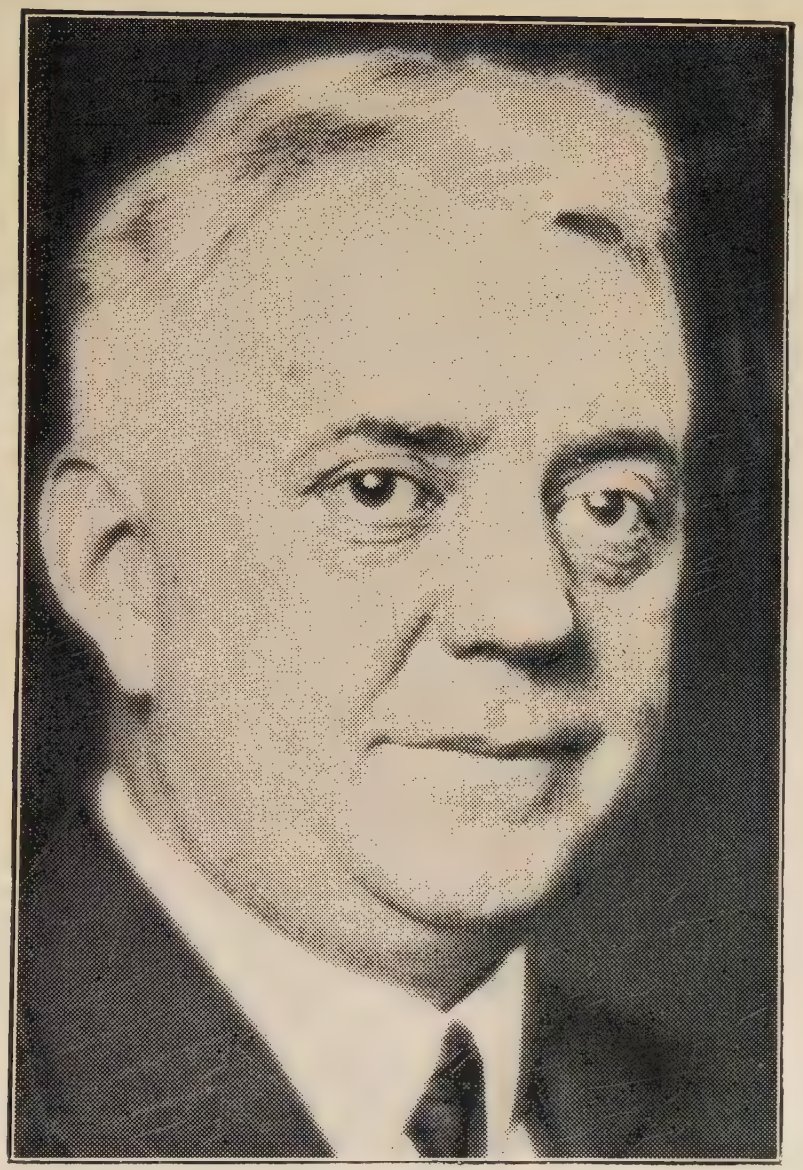
On March 14, 1904, Dr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Jean Tannehill, a native of Pittsburgh, and to this union three children have been born: A. Boyd, born Aug. 20, 1905, now a junior at Allegheny

College; Wilbur, born Jan. 22, 1907, a freshman at Allegheny College; and Marie Agnes, born June 26, 1915.

Dr. Miller is a member of the Erie County Medical Society, the Medical Society of Pennsylvania and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Hamot and St. Vincent Hospital staffs, and specializes in surgery. Dr. Miller is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge and Shrine. He is a substantial citizen and stands high in his profession.

Robert W. Lawrie. Numbered among the successful and representative business men of Erie is R. W. Lawrie, owner of Lawrie Brothers Furniture Company, Erie's largest and oldest furniture house. He was born at Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada, Sept. 8, 1872, and is the son of James and Mary (Drinkle) Lawrie. The father, a native of Scotland, during infancy was brought to Canada, where he died in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie had three children: William J., lives at Oshawa, Canada; Alberta, married J. J. Croskem, lives at Toronto, Canada; and R. W., the subject of this sketch.

In his native town of Bowmanville and Oshawa, R. W. Lawrie was reared and educated. He left school at the age of 11 years and entered the employ of a commercial establishment. His first step in the business world was that of a messenger boy, in which position, although it was humble, he was honest in the performance of his duties, considering his post as one of trust and in this way prepared himself for a higher step in the business, his next position being that of a clerk, and as such he worked for a period of five years. He then became apprenticed to a wood finisher, and after learning his trade went to Woodstock, where he remained until 1892, when he located in Erie. Upon his arrival here he accepted a position in the Shaw Piano Works as a finisher, and followed this trade until 1896, when he engaged in the furniture enterprise on a small scale at West 18th Street. There he conducted business successfully until 1891 when he transferred his business to South State Street. About the time of the removal he was joined by his brother, William J. Lawrie, and the firm became known as Lawrie Brothers. The partnership, however, was of short duration, the brother who entered into business relations in April, withdrawing from the concern in the following September. Nevertheless by mutual agreement the firm name, Lawrie Brothers, was still maintained and under this title the business has since been



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transacted. In December, 1908, Mr. Lawrie removed to his present location, 1207 State Street, where he owns a fine four-story building. He deals in furniture and house furnishings and carries a stock valued at $150,000. The store employs 50 people and operates a fleet of delivery cars.

Mr. Lawrie was married to Miss Nellie Aaron, of this city, and the daughter of John Aaron. She died June 13, 1923. They had no children. On July 7, 1924, Mr. Lawrie was married to Miss Romayne Wagner, of Indiana, Pa.

Mr. Lawrie is a member of the Lutheran Memorial Church, and is a member of the Board of Directors of Thiel College. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, Elks Lodge, Maccabees, Royal Arcanum, Erie Maennerchor, Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, and the Erie Motor Club.

Dr. Earl B. Johnson is a successful physician and surgeon of Erie, engaged in general practice with special attention to eye, ear, and throat diseases, to which he has devoted special study and attention. He is a native of Crawford County, Pa., born Oct. 3, 1867, and the son of William and Rebecca (Beedy) Johnson.

William Johnson was born in New York, Oct. 9, 1812. At an early date he settled in Richmond Township, Crawford County, Pa., where he engaged in general farming. He died at Cambridge Springs, July 13, 1879, and his wife, who was born at McLean, Pa., Feb. 17, 1825, died Aug. 11, 1902. She was the daughter of Samuel Beedy, who came from Massachusetts to Pennsylvania during the early days and became a widely known educator. By a former marriage to James Snow, Mrs. Johnson had two children: Genevieve, born June 30, 1851; and Estelle Sibley, born April 27, 1857. To Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson were born three children: Winslow, born Jan. 27, 1864, superintendent of the county home of Crawford County, Pa.; Dr. Earl B., the subject of this sketch; and Dr. Elton M., born April 3, 1870, a physician, died Jan. 18, 1923, at Portland, Ore.

Dr. Earl B. Johnson attended the rural schools of Crawford County and after completing a high school course at Cambridge, Pa., he entered Bellevue Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1891. He spent several years in post graduate work and in 1897 went to Europe, where he did hospital work in London. Before coming to Erie in 1913 he practiced his profession at Cambridge, Pa. His offices are at 2102 Peach Street.

On March 31, 1897, Dr. Johnson was united in marriage with Miss Ora Mechling, who was born in Jefferson County, Pa., March 22, 1872, the daughter of Rev. J. H. and Rebecca (Morrow) Mechling. Reverend Mechling was born May 26, 1837, and died May 11, 1917. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church and served in the ministry from 1868 until 1895. His wife was born in 1839 and died in 1883. They were the parents of four children: Elizabeth M. Robinson, lives in West Virginia; Frank, deceased; John M., lives in Butler County, Pa.; and Mrs. Johnson.

Dr. Johnson is identified with the Republican party and is a member of the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a capable physician and surgeon and ranks among the leaders of his profession.

Dr. T. W. Blakeslee, a widely known physician and surgeon of Erie, was born at Luzerne, Pa., March 19, 1860, and is the son of Charles M. and Frances (Parker) Blakeslee.

Charles M. Blakeslee is a native of Pennsylvania and is of Scotch-Irish descent. He was born April 1, 1835, and spent his entire life in Pennsylvania where he was engaged in the manufacturing business. He died December, 1924. His wife, a native of Wyoming County, Pa., was born in 1834 and died in 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Blakeslee were the parents of the following children: Jerome B., lives at Muncy, Pa.; Dr. T. W., the subject of this sketch; Matthew, lives at Muncy, Pa.; Maggie, twin sister of Matthew, lives at Elimsport, Pa.; and John B., lives in Chicago.

Dr. T. W. Blakeslee was educated in the district schools of his native state and in 1898 received his degree as Doctor of Medicine from Louisville Medical College. After taking a year's post graduate work at Louisville (Ky.) Medical College and one year post graduate work at Tulane University of New Orleans, La., Dr. Blakeslee was an interne in the city hospital there. After taking a year's course of study in the Illinois School of Electro-Therapeutics, where he specialized in the study of X-ray, Dr. Blakeslee began the practice of his profession at Danville, Pa. After three years there he spent a year at York, Pa., and afterward located in Erie, where he took over the practice established by Dr. Sipe. He has been in his present location, 924 Peach Street, since 1913. He specializes in diseases of the stomach and intestines, and has a well established practice.

On April 23, 1889, Dr. Blakeslee was united in marriage with Miss Anna Springer, and to this union were born seven children, as follows: Harvey T., lives in Portland, Ore.; Addie Sprague, lives in Portland; Frances Farber, lives in Cleveland; George, lives in Erie; Beatrice Peth, lives in Wheeling, W. Va.; Cyril, lives in Cleveland; and Warner McDowell, lives in Erie.

Politically Dr. Blakeslee is a Republican, and is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a progressive man and is held in high esteem throughout the county.

Dr. A. M. Kalson, one of the well known younger physicians and surgeons of Erie, who is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at 218 West 8th Street, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Pittsburgh, Oct. 14, 1892, and is the son of Harry and Hinde Libbe (Hurwitz) Kalson.

Harry Kalson is a native of Russia, as is also his wife. After their marriage in 1891 they came to this country and settled in Pittsburgh, where he was engaged in general contracting and for the past 12 years has been successfully engaged in the laundry business. He is also interested in real estate and has served as city councilman. To Mr. and Mrs. Kalson were born eight children, as follows: Dr. A. M., the subject of this sketch; Samuel, Isadore, and Ralph, all live in Pittsburgh; Jacob E., an attorney, and William, who live in Pittsburgh; Sarah L., died in infancy; and Ruth, lives in Pittsburgh.

Dr. A. M. Kalson was reared and educated in Pittsburgh and after his graduation from high school in 1911 he entered the University of Pittsburgh, where he remained three years. He received his degree in medicine at Cincinnati University in 1916, and the following year was located in Pittsburgh as an interne. He engaged in the general practice of his profession at Chickasaw, Pa., the next year and in August, 1919, removed to Erie.

On Aug. 5, 1917, Dr. Kalson was married to Miss Ida M. Safran, a native of Baltimore, Md., born April 18, 1899, and the daughter of Philip and Molly Safran. Mr. Safran now resides in Baltimore, Md. His wife is deceased. To Doctor and Mrs. Kalson have been born two daughters: Mildred E., born Nov. 5, 1919, and Dorothy R., born Sept. 14, 1924.

Doctor Kalson is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the Erie County Medical

Society. He is a Republican and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Elks lodge. As a physician and surgeon and a citizen, Doctor Kalson ranks high in the community.

Theodore Sprague is a prominent citizen of North East and a member of a family that has long been identified with the agricultural interests of Erie County. He was born at North East, April 9, 1888, and is the son of Theodore and Laura Edna (Mason) Sprague.

Theodore Sprague, deceased, was a native of East Bloomfield, Ontario County, N. Y., born Oct. 4, 1848. His wife was born at Wales, Ontario County, N. Y., June 20, 1850. After coming to Erie County in 1874 Mr. Sprague became interested in farming and owned 38 acres of well improved land near North East. They built the Lakedale Hotel at Freeport in 1905, which is now conducted during the summer months by members of the family. Mr. Sprague died Aug. 3, 1921, and is buried in North East Cemetery. There were four children in the Sprague family: George H., born March 13, 1883, married Ethel Adams, of Ipswich, Mass., and they live at Hamilton, Mass.; Julia, born May 5, 1885, married Feb. 6, 1911, Albert M. Barnes, Jr., an attorney, lives in New York City; Theodore, the subject of this sketch; and Walter K., born Feb. 8, 1890, a professor, lives at Hightstown, N. J., married Joyce Ricart. He served throughout the World War.

Theodore Sprague attended the public and high schools of North East and was graduated from Cook Academy at Montour Falls, N. Y., in 1907. After spending two years at Colgate University he entered Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1912. He then went to Mount Kisco, N. Y., as a fruit expert for the Bedford Farmer's Cooperative Association, with whom he remained until 1915. From there he went to Seaford, Del., as superintendent of the Sunnyside Orchard Company, and in 1919 went to Cheswold, Del., as superintendent of Commercial Orchards of Delaware. Jan. 1, 1921, Mr. Sprague came to North East where he has since been engaged in fruit growing.

In June, 1915, Mr. Sprague was united in marriage with Miss Edith Gilmore, of Salem, N. Y., born Oct. 17, 1886, and the daughter of George and Isabel (Reid) Gilmore, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague have four children: Margaret, born March 31, 1916; Theodore, Jr., born March 5, 1917; Dorothy, born Aug. 5, 1920, died July 9, 1924; and Reid Gilmore,

THEODORE SPRAGUE

MRS. THEODORE SPRAGUE

LAKELAND HOTEL, NEAR NORTH EAST—THE HISTORIC OLD SPRAGUE HOMESTEAD REMODELED

born June 9, 1922. Mrs. Sprague is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and belongs to the Fortnightly Club of North East.

Mr. and Mrs. Sprague hold membership in the Presbyterian church and he belongs to the Masonic lodge, the North East Golf Club, and the Delta Upsilon fraternity. He and his wife are highly esteemed and have a wide acquaintance in Erie County.

Dr. Rollin H. Anderson, a prominent young dentist of Erie, was born at Muncy, Pa., July 20, 1890, and is the son of George H. and Anna M. (Hockley) Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, who reside at Muncy, have five children, as follows: Theodore R., and Willis E., live in Muncy; Dr. Rollin H., the subject of this sketch; and Claud R. and Clyde H., twins, died in infancy.

Dr. Rollin H. Anderson grew up in Muncy, Pa., and attended the public and high schools there, from which he was graduated in 1912. He then attended Lycoming County Normal School and after teaching for several terms, entered Potts Business College at Williamsport, Pa. He was then employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in a clerical position and after a short time entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he studied dentistry and received his degree in 1919. Doctor Anderson then took up the practice of his profession in Erie where he has since been located. He has been efficient and successful in his work and is widely known.

Politically Doctor Anderson is a Republican. He is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic and Elks lodges. He is identified with the Erie Dental Association, the Lake Erie Dental Association and the American Dental Association.

Dr. H. C. Galster has been a successful and well known physician and surgeon of Erie for the past 32 years. He was born in northern Germany, June 1, 1862, and is the son of William and Elizabeth (Koch) Galster.

William Galster was a cooper by trade and in 1866 brought his family to this country and located in Buffalo, N. Y., where he remained but a short time, later removing to Michigan. Ten years later, however, he returned to Buffalo, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1909 at the age of 88 years and his wife died in 1911 at the age of 87 years. They were the parents of the following children: William,

deceased; Sophia Rebmann, lives in Buffalo; John; Louise, deceased; Henry, lives in Buffalo; Fred, engaged in the jewelry business in Toronto, Canada; Louie, deceased; and Dr. H. C., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. H. C. Galster was reared in Buffalo, where he attended the public schools. He attended the Cleveland Medical College and received his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1892. Since that time he has practiced his profession continuously in Erie, where he is known as a thoroughly competent physician and surgeon. His office is at 129 West 25th Street.

Doctor Galster's first marriage was to Miss Sophia Margaret Pett, a native of England, who died at the age of 32 years, leaving the following children: Agnes M. Allen; Dr. Henry, a physician, lives at Hudson, N. Y.; and Norman, lives in New York. Doctor Galster was married the second time to Miss Caroline VanBusch, who died Dec. 3, 1920. To this union were born three children: Herman W., a physician, lives in Schenectady, N. Y.; Paul V., a student in Erie; and one child died in infancy.

Doctor Galster is identified with the Erie County Medical Society, the American Institute of Homeopathic Physicians, and other various medical societies. He is a Republican and a member of the Masonic lodge.

Dr. F. P. McCarthy has been a successful and well known physician and surgeon of Erie for the past 14 years and is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Oil City, Pa., March 13, 1879, and is the son of P. T. and Margaret (McCullough) McCarthy.

P. T. McCarthy, deceased, was a native of Ireland and a pioneer druggist of Oil City, Pa., where he engaged in business for 40 years. His wife was born in Philadelphia and now resides in Pittsburgh. There were seven children in the McCarthy family as follows: Dr. F. P., the subject of this sketch; Mary, resides in Pittsburgh with her mother; Louis, a druggist, lives in Wyoming; John, engaged in the automobile business at Oil City, Pa.; Loretta, a nurse, lives in Detroit, Mich.; Thomas, was killed during the World War while serving in the aviation; and Margaret, deceased.

Dr. F. P. McCarthy was reared in Oil City, Pa., and was graduated from the local high school in 1897. In 1901 he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College, and spent the following year as an interne in St. Luke's Hospital at South Bethlehem, Pa. He then practiced his profession at Oil City until 1911, when he removed to Erie. He has taken post graduate work in New York city and has been

a member of St. Vincent's Hospital staff for 13 years. He also served on the Hamot Hospital staff for three years, as a surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad for seven years, and as a surgeon at St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum Hospital.

Dr. McCarthy served as a lieutenant during the World War, having enlisted in October, 1917. After being located at Fort Oglethorpe and Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich., he was sent to France, where he saw active service in the hospitals at the front. After his discharge, May 2, 1919, he resumed his practice in Erie, where he is known as a thoroughly competent physician and surgeon.

On April 14, 1910, Dr. McCarthy was married to Miss Maud Emery, who was born in Pennsylvania, Oct. 25, 1876.

Dr. McCarthy is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, the Erie County Medical Society and the American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

Dr. T. Palmer Tredway, physician and surgeon, is an able man in his profession and a citizen of progressive ideals. He was born in Washington, D. C., March 17, 1885, and was the son of Rev. Silas B. and Cornelia (Palmer) Tredway.

Rev. Silas B. Tredway was born in Baltimore, Md., and was a minister of the Methodist Protestant church for 45 years. He died July 7, 1917, and his wife, a native of Leipsic, Del., resides in Washington, D. C. She was born May 23, 1855. Rev. Silas B. and Mrs. Tredway, who were married in 1875, were the parents of three children: Alice Stevenson, lives at Newark, N. J.; Idella W., lives in Washington, D. C.; and Dr. T. Palmer.

Dr. T. Palmer Tredway attended Western Maryland Preparatory School and in 1906 received his degree of A. B. from Western Medical College. In 1910 he was graduated in medicine from John Hopkins University, and the following year served as an interne at Adrian Hospital. Since March 1, 1911, Doctor Tredway has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Erie. He is a specialist in pathological work and is attendant obstetrician at Hamot Hospital and is also a member of the staff of St. Vincent's Hospital and the Infant's Home.

On Nov. 12, 1912, Doctor Tredway was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Buffington, a native of New Windsor, Md., and the daughter of Dr. John and Mary Buffington. Doctor Buffington died in 1902. To Doctor

and Mrs. Tredway have been born two children: John Buffington, born May 11, 1914; and Thomas Palmer, born March 11, 1916.

Doctor Tredway is a Republican and his wife is identified with the Democratic party. He is a member of the American Medical Association and the Erie County Medical Society. Doctor Tredway is a 32nd degree Mason. He is also a member of the Erie County Historical Society.

Edwin W. Hatch, a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of Union City, is a man whose name is connected with the pioneer days of Erie County. He was born at Hatch Hollow, Amity Township, Erie County, Nov. 16, 1835, and is the son of Jason C. and Elizabeth (King) Hatch.

Jason C. Hatch was a son of Roswell Hatch, a soldier in the War of 1812, a prominent citizen and founder of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hatch Hollow, where he passed his life. Jason C. Hatch was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., in 1808, and died in 1864. He was extensively engaged in farming and at the time of his death owned 600 acres of land in Erie County. He was a leading citizen of his time and held many public offices. There were 15 children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jason C. Hatch, as follows: Sylvia, deceased; Edwin W., the subject of this sketch; Hollis, deceased; Cyrus, died in service during the Civil War; Daniel Webster, a Civil War veteran, died in 1920; Mary Ann, deceased; Arvilla, married Hiram Palmer, both deceased; George, a Civil War veteran, lives retired in Kansas; W. Scott, a ranch owner, lives in Montana; Julia, deceased; Elwin W., died in Montana in 1921; Wilson; Eugene L., lives in North Dakota; Fred J., deceased; and William W., died in infancy.

Edwin W. Hatch was educated in a log school house in Hatch Hollow and was graduated from Waterford Academy in 1851. He began life as a farmer and in 1864 removed to Union City where he engaged in the manufacture of staves for several years. He then became interested in the real estate business. He allotted 25 acres which he sold at what is known as Hatch Hill subdivision. In 1872 he and his brother George began the manufacture of brooms, and operated the first broom factory in the state of Pennsylvania. The partnership continued for three years when Edwin W. purchased his brother's interest in the business, which has since been known as E. W. Hatch & Sons. Mr. Hatch has been prominent in the business affairs of his city and for many years served as president of the National Bank of Union City.

MR. AND MRS. E. W. HATCH

Mr. Hatch was married first Dec. 10, 1856, to Miss Nancy Chaffee, who was born in Amity Township, Erie County, July 24, 1836, and died in March, 1905. To them were born four children: Leon W., born Nov. 9, 1857, associated in business with his father; Francis T., born Jan. 9, 1861, manager of the E. W. Hatch & Sons; Dr. Philip Luther, born Oct. 13, 1871, a veteran of the World War, and a prominent physician and surgeon of Union City; and Augustus Edwin, born Nov. 2, 1874, a ranch owner of Montana, where he has a section of land of 640 acres.

On July 26, 1906, Mr. Hatch was married to Miss Martha L. Fuller, who was born at Richmondville, Schoharie County, N. Y., June 2, 1845, the daughter of Leroy and Ann Janet (Dennis) Fuller, natives of New York and parents of the following children: Nicholas, born Aug. 29, 1831, died Aug. 2, 1901; Dolly, born June 9, 1834, died in infancy; Elias, born July 18, 1835, died in infancy; Sarah A., born Oct. 29, 1836, died May 13, 1888; Hannah M., born Dec. 15, 1839, died in infancy; Levi, born in 1841, died in 1914; Mrs. Hatch; Tirzah, born Jan. 10, 1849, married Levi VanVoorhis, lives in South Dakota. Mr. Fuller died March 30, 1893, and his wife died May 13, 1882.

Mr. Hatch and his wife are members of the Methodist church and have a wide acquaintance in Erie County.

Dr. B. Swayne Putts, who ranks among the leading and successful physicians and surgeons of Erie, was born in Baltimore, Md., Feb. 26, 1882, and is the son of J. W. and Mary L. (Meredith) Putts.

J. W. Putts was a native of Virginia and his wife was born in Maryland. He engaged in the mercantile business in Baltimore for 44 years and became prosperous. Mr. and Mrs. Putts, now deceased, were the parents of four children: A. C., lives in Baltimore; W. E., deceased; Dr. B. Swayne, the subject of this sketch; and Mabel Gardner, lives in Baltimore.

Dr. B. Swayne Putts attended the public schools of Baltimore. In 1902 he received his A. B. degree and in 1906 his M. D. degree at John Hopkins University, after which he spent a year as an interne in Allegheny Hospital, Pittsburgh. After practicing his profession in that city for some time he served as physician at the Massachusetts State Sanitarium for one year, and the next two years was physician at the Pennsylvania State Sanitarium. He began the practice of medicine in Erie in 1911 and in 1917 returned to John Hopkins University where he spe-

cialized in the study of Roentgenology. He has since specialized in X-ray work and is Roentgenologist at both Hamot and St. Vincent's Hospitals.

On May 25, 1910, Doctor Putts was united in marriage with Miss Edna B. Buhl, a native of Butler County, Pa., and they have one child, Christine D., born Jan. 17, 1912.

Doctor Putts is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, the Erie County Medical Society, the Radiological Society, and the American Roentgenray Society. He is identified with the Masonic lodge and is a member of the University and Kahkwa Club. He is a member of the Park Presbyterian Church and he and his wife are favorably known in Erie, where they have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Dr. J. W. Schilling ranks among the successful and well known young physicians and surgeons of Erie. He was born in this city, April 1, 1895, and is the son of William J. and Jane (Gills) Schilling.

William J. Schilling was born in Pittsburgh in 1865 and is a pioneer resident of Erie, where he is engaged in business. His wife was born in New England. To Mr. and Mrs. Schilling were born seven children: Roy C., lives in Chicago; Florence Kent, lives in Los Angeles, Cal.; Dr. J. W., the subject of this sketch; Leona, lives in Erie; Julius C., student at the University of Pittsburgh; Jennie; and William J., Jr., both at home.

Dr. J. W. Schilling received his early education in the public schools of Erie and was graduated from high school in 1915. After attending Muhlenberg College at Allentown, Pa., he entered the University of Maryland at Baltimore, where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1921. The next year was spent in St. Vincent's Hospital, Erie, and on Oct. 1, 1922, Doctor Schilling began the practice of his profession at 1818 Chestnut Street, where he has met with success.

On Aug. 5, 1924, Doctor Schilling was united in marriage with Miss Lois Johnston, the daughter of Frank and Flora (Coleburg) Johnston, residents of Erie.

Doctor Schilling is a member of St. Vincent's and Hamot Hospital staff, and is connected with the Erie General Dispensary. He is identified with the Erie County Medical Society, the Erie Clinical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He belongs to the University Club. During the World War Doctor Schilling served as a first-class hospital apprentice for a period of six months.

Dr. James H. Kelsey has been a successful and well known dentist of Erie since 1901. He is a native of England, born July 3, 1877, and the son of George and Margaret (Stubbs) Kelsey.

George Kelsey and his wife were natives of England and settled in Toronto, Canada, in 1882, where he was engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey, both of whom are now deceased, had five children.

After attending the public schools of Toronto, Dr. Kelsey matriculated into Trinity University. He then entered the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario and in 1900 was graduated from that college with the title of L. D. S. and received the degree of D. D. S. from the University of Toronto. In 1913 he took post graduate work there, receiving the degree of Master of Dental Surgery and has since taken post graduate work in many of the large centers of learning both in America and Europe. In 1917 he was appointed Oral Surgeon on the staff of Hamot Hospital. Since 1901 he has engaged in the practice of his profession in Erie, where he has a well established practice, with offices at 714 Sassafras Street.

On June 27, 1906, Doctor Kelsey was married to Miss Kathleen Corson, and they have two children: Patience, born in 1907, and Arthur, born in 1912.

Dr. Kelsey is identified with the American Medical Association, the American Dental Association, State and local dental societies. He is a Republican, a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Shrine, Rotary Club, University Club, Delta Sigma Delta fraternity, Kahkwa Club and various other organizations.

Dr. F. H. Paul, a popular and successful dentist of Erie, was born at Titusville, Pa., Aug. 21, 1875, and is the son of A. O. and Electa (Sargent) Paul.

A. O. Paul, who lives at Girard, Pa., has been the proprietor of the Girard Hotel for the past 16 years. His wife was born in Crawford County, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Paul were born two children: Elnora, died at the age of eight years; and Dr. F. H., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. F. H. Paul received his early education in the schools of Springboro, Pa., and in 1899 was graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College. After practicing his profession at Springboro for three years, he spent five years in Pittsburgh, and in 1907 established his practice at

Erie. With the exception of five years, during which time Doctor Paul engaged in the manufacturing business in Erie, he has practiced his profession in Erie. His office is located at 520-21-22 Commerce Building.

Doctor Paul was married on Sept. 9, 1907, to Miss Margaret Schusler, a native of Pittsburgh, and the daughter of John and Louise Schusler, both deceased.

Doctor Paul is identified with the Republican party and he ranks among the substantial citizens of his community.

John Melhorn Hirt, who is successfully engaged in the automobile insurance business in Erie with offices in the Commerce Building, is a native of Erie. He was born Aug. 15, 1879, and is the son of Frank W. and Sarah Melhorn Hirt.

Frank W. Hirt is also a native of Erie and throughout his life has been interested in the business activities of the city. In 1895 he with his son John M. founded the Erie Mantel and Tile Company, today one of the leading industries of its kind in Pennsylvania. About 1920 Frank W. Hirt retired from active business and now resides at his family residence, 1016 Wayne Street. His wife died in 1921 at the age of 68 years. To Frank W. Hirt and wife were born two sons and three daughters, all of whom are now living.

The ancestors of John M. Hirt played an intimate part in the early activities of both the county and city of Erie. His grandfather on his mother's side, the late Rev. J. K. Melhorn, at the beginning of the Nineteenth Century came to Erie County with his parents in their covered wagons, driving with all their earthly possessions from Lancaster County. They bought large tracts of land on the bank of Lake Erie in Fairview Township. Several hundred acres of what is now the most valuable lake front property belonged to the Melhorns and was only disposed of in recent years.

The original log house, built of logs cut and put together while the family lived in their wagons, still stands where it was built more than a hundred years ago. The Lutheran church at Fairview was built largely through the efforts of the Melhorns. The old church moved from its original location is today the Fairview town hall and is in a perfect state of preservation.

Rev. J. K. Melhorn was educated in the old Erie Academy and for a number of years was a teacher in that institution.

JOHN M. HIRT

John M. Hirt received his education in the public schools here and after leaving school was for 20 years associated with the Metric Metal Works of Erie. In 1918 Mr. Hirt was appointed manager of the Erie branch office of the Pennsylvania Indemnity Company, which business has prospered under Mr. Hirt's direction from a small beginning until today in the Erie office a force of 12 persons are engaged and about 44 more report to the Erie office from outlying territory supervised by this office. The business represented by Mr. Hirt is today one of the largest of its kind in the world.

In 1903 Mr. Hirt was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Offerle, of Warren, Pa., a daughter of Daniel and Nancy Offerle, residents of Warren. Rev. J. K. Melhorn, grandfather of Mr. Hirt, officiated. To Mr. and Mrs. Hirt have been born three children: John O., born in 1912; Willard Frederick, born in 1920; and Nancy Elizabeth, born in 1922.

Mr. Hirt in addition to being a substantial citizen is widely and favorably known.

Dr. P. P. Parsons, who ranks among the leading and successful of the younger physicians and surgeons of Erie, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Kane, Dec. 17, 1885, and is the son of Rev. J. A. and Josephine (Peters) Parsons.

Reverend Parsons was born in Ontario, Canada, July 16, 1853, and was a prominent minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church during his life and served in the Erie Conference. He died Feb. 26, 1913, and his wife resides at 1249 West 9th Street, Erie. She was born at London, Ontario, Canada, Nov. 7, 1858, and was married to Reverend Parsons in 1883. To them three children were born: Dr. P. P., the subject of this sketch; Mary V. Whitmarsh, lives at McKeesport, Pa.; and Joseph H., deceased, mention of whom is made below.

Dr. Joseph H. Parsons was killed while in service during the World War. He was a dentist in Erie and at the time of his enlistment was commissioned a first lieutenant with the 313th Machine Gun Battalion. He was killed during the Meuse-Argonne Drive, Nov. 4, 1918. He left a widow, Rosella (Wilson) Parsons.

Dr. P. P. Parsons received his education in the public schools of Reynoldsville, Pa., and after completing his high school course in 1905, he took a course at Allegheny College, which he completed in 1909, receiving the A. B. degree. He then entered the Medical School of the University of

Pennsylvania, from which he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1913. His interne work was done at the Methodist Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia and in 1914 Doctor Parsons began the practice of his profession in Erie at 1017 West 10th Street. Since 1920 he has been located at 1022 West 8th Street. He has built up a large practice and is widely known as an able physician. Doctor Parsons specializes in obstetrical work and internal medicine. He is a member of the staff of St. Vincent's Hospital.

Doctor Parsons was married Sept. 14, 1910, to Miss Lillian Harries of Reynoldsville, Pa., and they have three children: Miriam, born Nov. 22, 1916; William H., born June 28, 1919; and Louise, born Jan. 31, 1922.

In politics Doctor Parsons is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Kingsley Methodist Episcopal Church of Erie, and belongs to the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the Erie County Medical Society. He is also a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, the Phi Betta Kappa honorary fraternity, the Phi Alpha Sigma medical fraternity, and belongs to the Elks lodge. Doctor Parsons is an excellent citizen and merits the high esteem in which he is held by the community.

Dr. Robert L. Gibbons is a prominent young physician and surgeon of Erie. He was born at Greenville, Pa., Oct. 13, 1892, and is the son of P. C. and Henrietta (McMahon) Gibbons.

P. C. Gibbons was born in England and came to this country with his parents when a small boy. He was a successful merchant at Sharon, Pa., for many years and now lives retired there. His wife, a native of Pennsylvania, is deceased. They had nine children, as follows: Clarie Mink, lives at Sharon, Pa.; Augusta, lives at Sharon, Pa.; Paul, lives at Sharon, Pa.; Dr. Robert L., the subject of this sketch; Stanley, lives at Sharon; Florence Lyman, lives at Sharon; Gertrude Deforest, lives at Sharon; Marion, lives at Sharon; and one child died in infancy. Mr. Gibbons was married the second time to Miss Rose Kahl, of Sharon.

Dr. Robert L. Gibbons was graduated from the public schools of Sharon in 1911, after which he entered Pittsburgh University. After receiving his degree in 1914 he entered the Medical School of the same university, from which he was graduated in 1918. The following year he spent at Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. He began the practice of his profession in Erie in 1919 and is located at 420 East 11th Street. Doctor

Gibbons is examining physician for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and the Indiana State Life Insurance Company. He is identified with the Erie, State and American Medical Associations and is a progressive man in his profession.

On Nov. 27, 1923, Doctor Gibbons was united in marriage with Miss Irene Kuhn, a native of Erie and the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Conrath) Kuhn. They have one child, Robert L., Jr.

Doctor Gibbons is a Republican, a member of the Catholic church and belongs to the University Club and the Knights of Columbus.

Dr. F. E. Avery, a prominent osteopathic physician of Erie, with offices at 343 West 8th Street, was born in Greene County, N. Y., Aug. 29, 1872, and is the son of Henry A. and Rosella (Whitcomb) Avery.

Henry A. Avery was a native of New York, and is now deceased. His wife resides at Westfield, Mass. They were the parents of four children: Nettie Harwig, lives in New York city; Mary Shephard, lives at Westfield, Mass.; Dr. F. E., the subject of this sketch; and John, born in 1874, died in 1904.

Dr. F. E. Avery received his early education in the schools of Massachusetts and in 1910 received his degree as Doctor of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Mo. He immediately began the practice of his profession in Erie, where he has a well established reputation.

In September, 1907, Doctor Avery was united in marriage with Miss Anna Chittenden, of Syracuse, N. Y., and they have three children: F. E., Jr., born Feb. 15, 1911; Lewis C., born May 22, 1913; and Ralph Whitcomb, born April 18, 1918.

Doctor Avery has always been progressive, public spirited, and is a citizen of real worth.

Dr. E. J. Dear, a successful dentist of Erie, who has been engaged in the practice of his profession in this city for 16 years, is a native of New York. He was born at Rochester, Jan. 31, 1885, and is the son of John and Margaret (Moon) Dear.

John Dear was born in Ontario, Canada, and for many years has lived in Rochester, N. Y., where he is a building contractor. In 1882 he was married to Miss Margaret Moon, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret L. (Berry) Moon, natives of New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Dear one son was born, Dr. E. J., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. E. J. Dear was graduated from East High School, Rochester, N. Y., in 1905, and three years later received his degree of Doctor of Dentistry at the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery. After being located in the Rochester Dispensary for one and one-half years, Doctor Dear established his practice in Erie. He has a well equipped office at 405 Commerce Building and is efficient and successful in his work.

On May 15, 1913, Doctor Dear was married to Miss Mildred E. Manning, of Lockport, N. Y., and they have two sons: John R., born Nov. 5, 1917; and William E., born March 10, 1919.

Doctor Dear is a member of the Erie County, State and American Dental Associations, and he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Elks lodge, and Psi Omega. He is a member of the Sanford Presbyterian Church.

George J. Abbey is a substantial and widely known citizen of Erie County. He was born on a farm in Girard Township, Jan. 5, 1850, and is the son of John J. and Jane (Dempsey) Abbey.

John J. Abbey was born near Syracuse, N. Y., and in 1825 removed to Erie County and settled on a farm in Girard Township, where he remained until 1861. He then lived in Springfield Township until his death. There were four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Abbey; George J., the subject of this sketch; William, who died in 1925; Frank, who died in 1924; and John, who died in 1924. The grandfather of George J. Abbey was David Abbey and the grandmother was Phoeba Abbey; they were the parents of 13 children, all of whom are deceased.

George J. Abbey was educated in the schools of Springfield Township and in early life engaged in farming on 70 acres of land in this township. In 1923 he retired from farming, and now devotes his entire time to his business interests. Mr. Abbey is president and manager of the West Springfield Telephone Company, and has served in this capacity since 1910.

On March 31, 1875, Mr. Abbey was married to Miss Melissa Harris, a native of Springfield Township, and a daughter of Luke and Rebecca (Craven) Harris, early settlers of Springfield Township. Mr. and Mrs. Harris, deceased, were the parents of the following children: Jane, married George Silverthorn, both deceased; Priscilla, married Minor Cole, both deceased; Sylvanius; Sarah, married George Howard, both deceased; Mrs. Abbey; Elizabeth and John, both deceased. Mrs. Abbey died March 5,

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1920, and is buried in the East Springfield Cemetery. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Abbey, two of whom died in infancy. A daughter, Imogene H., is a trained nurse and lives in Illinois. During the World War she served at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Abbey has been a member of the Lake Erie Lodge, No. 416, I. O. O. F., for 35 years; he is also a member of the Encampment. He has been a member of the local state police for 45 years and is past grand captain. He is trustee of East Springfield Cemetery. Politically Mr. Abbey is a Republican. He is a member of the Universalist church and is highly esteemed in the community in which he lives.

Dr. W. H. Everhart is a successful young dentist of Erie and a veteran of the World War. He was born at Staples, Minn., Dec. 3, 1891, and is the son of J. B. and Rachael (Long) Everhart.

J. B. Everhart is a native of Germany and has lived in this country since he was a small child. He is an engineer and resides in Erie. His wife was born at New Castle, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Everhart were born five children, as follows: Mary Brainard, lives in Pittsburgh; Albert J., lives at Uniontown, Pa.; Dr. W. H., the subject of this sketch; William J., lived at Connellsville, Pa., and is now deceased; and Florence, deceased.

Dr. W. H. Everhart received his education in the public schools and was graduated from Allegheny High School, after which he entered Pittsburgh University. In 1914 he received his degree as Doctor of Dentistry from that institution and began the practice of his profession at Farrell, Pa., where he remained almost two years. From there he went to Connellsville and after three years volunteered for service in the World War. He served as a first lieutenant for seven months and was stationed at Camp Coppee, Bethlehem, Pa. After his discharge from the army, Dec. 23, 1918, Doctor Everhart established his practice in Erie in the Lawrence Park district. He is now located at 1015 State Street, where he has an excellent practice.

On Sept. 4, 1917, Doctor Everhart was united in marriage with Miss Ruth Swarmer, a native of Connellsville, Pa., and the daughter of Daniel and Edith (Eicker) Swarmer. To Dr. and Mrs. Everhart have been born two sons: Watson H., born June 5, 1918; and Robert James, born June 11, 1921.

Politically, Doctor Everhart is a Republican. He is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias

and the Knights of Malta. He is also identified with the Erie County Dental Society, the State, and American Dental Associations. He and his wife are well known in Erie and have a host of friends.

Dr. Carlton F. Cantor, a competent dentist and progressive citizen of Erie, who is a veteran of the World War, was born in this city, Nov. 24, 1893, and is the son of Frank C. and Helen (Fritz) Cantor.

Frank C. Cantor was born in Erie in 1861 and for the past 40 years has been connected with the Jarecki Manufacturing Company as a time keeper. In 1891 he was married to Miss Helen Fritz, a native of Erie, and a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Fritz. Mr. and Mrs. Cantor have only one child, Dr. Carlton F., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Carlton F. Cantor attended the public schools of Erie and was graduated from Erie High School in 1912. He then entered the University of Michigan where he received his degree of Doctor of Dentistry in 1915. After two year's practice in Flint, Mich., Doctor Cantor returned to Erie and established his office at 1204 Palace Hardware Building, where he remained until his enlistment in the World War. He served as a first lieutenant in the dental corps at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga., for four months and was discharged Dec. 18, 1918. He returned to his former location in Erie where he has a large practice.

Doctor Cantor is identified with the Republican party in politics, is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the University Club, Kahkwa Club, and the Masonic and Elks lodges. He is supervisor of clinics in the Erie schools in which work he has been engaged for seven years. He is also president of the local dental association of Erie County, and is a member of the staff at the Erie Boy's Club.

Dr. Edwin J. Reichel, who ranks among the leading young dentists of Erie, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in this city, June 1, 1893, and is the son of William F. and Anna (Freidman) Reichel.

William F. Reichel was born in Erie, Aug. 10, 1867, and has spent his entire life here. His wife was born in this city, Jan. 7, 1873, and is the daughter of John B. Freidman. To Mr. and Mrs. Reichel, who were married in 1892, were born two children: Dr. Edwin J., the subject of this sketch; and William Freidman Reichel, lives in Erie.

Dr. Edwin J. Reichel was graduated from high school in Erie in 1911 and in 1914 entered the dental school of the University of Pittsburgh,

where he received his degree in 1917. On Sept. 8, 1917, Doctor Reichel volunteered for service during the World War and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the dental corps. He served throughout the war with the 23rd Engineers and was at the front during the St. Mehiel and Argonne drives. He was promoted to captain on Feb. 17, 1919, and discharged at Boston, on June 12th of the same year. He immediately returned to Erie and established his practice at 1004 Palace Hardware Building.

On Nov. 22, 1923, Doctor Reichel was united in marriage with Miss Blanche E. Schackleton, a native of Edinboro, Pa., and the daughter of Samuel and Dora Schackleton, who are now residents of Erie.

Doctor Reichel is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is identified with the Erie County Dental Association, the Lake Erie, State and National Dental Associations. He has an excellent practice and is capable in his profession.

Dr. J. A. Purcell is among the leading young dentists of Erie. He was born in this city, Oct. 17, 1897, and is the son of James and Nora (Keough) Purcell.

James Purcell is a pioneer business man of Erie, having been engaged in the plumbing and heating business here for 25 years. He was born at North East, Pa., in 1860, and his wife is a native of Glenwood, N. Y. They were married in 1887 and had four children, all of whom reside in Erie: James J., Wm. J., Leo G., and Dr. J. A., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Purcell is a Democrat and has been a member of the Erie County Historical Society for many years.

Dr. J. A. Purcell was educated in the public and high schools of Erie and was graduated from Central High School in 1917. He then volunteered for service in the World War and was stationed at the Navy Reserve at Pittsburgh, Pa. Through his war work he received a year's credit in the University of Pittsburgh's Dental School, which he entered in 1919. After receiving his degree in 1923 Doctor Purcell established his practice in the Commerce Building, Erie, where he has met with success.

Doctor Purcell is a Democrat, a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Psi Omega fraternity. He is identified with the Erie County, State and American Dental Associations.

Dr. Charles B. Chidester, who has practiced his profession in Erie for 35 years with honor and exceptional ability, is a native of Ohio. He was born at Parkman, Ohio, Oct. 17, 1858, and is the son of Julius and Eliza H. (Mastick) Chidester.

Julius Chidester was born at Canfield, Mahoning County, Ohio, Feb. 21, 1826, and was a prominent agriculturist during his life. He was the son of Erastus and Lydia (Sackett) Chidester, besides whom three brothers and two sisters reached mature age. He married at Burton, Ohio, Sept. 24, 1850, Eliza Harriet Mastick, of Claridon, Ohio, and went housekeeping at Canfield; they lived here two years and in Geauga County 23 years engaged in the stock business, and then took a flock of 500 sheep to Mercer County, Ill. After his arrival there wolves were very savage, many times attacking the sheep in droves, and were with difficulty beaten off with dogs and guns. Here he also engaged in shipping stock to Chicago, and from 1867 shipped hundreds of head of dairy cows to the Western Reserve in Ohio for dairy purposes from Illinois and Iowa. He also procured thousands of head of young stock in Ohio and Pennsylvania and shipped to Iowa for stocks or feeders, as well as buying of fat or matured live stock for the Chicago and eastern markets up to the time he came to his late home at Fairview, Erie County, Pa., where he died Nov. 29, 1901. His wife died June 12, 1912. While a resident of Claridon, Ohio, Mr. Chidester was township officer eight years and also a member of the board of Geauga County Agricultural Society eight years. To Mr. and Mrs. Julius Chidester three children were born: Mary E. Coryl, lives at Maryville, Ohio; Dr. Charles B., the subject of this sketch; and William A., died Nov. 8, 1874.

Eliza Harriet (Mastick) Chidester was born in Claridon, Geauga County, Ohio, May 16, 1831, the daughter of Owen Mastick, who was born in Grafton, Vt., Dec. 20, 1802; married Jan. 3, 1830, Harriet, daughter of Ephraim and Susannah Cook. He died in Tampa, Florida, Dec. 20, 1884. Their other children were: Maryett Lydia Lavinia, Julius Cook, and Owen Burdell. Owen Mastick, son of Nathaniel Mastick and Lydia (Caryl) Mastick, was born in Norfolk County, Mass., July 8, 1772. His wife, Lydia Caryl, was born in Norfolk, Mass., Feb. 22, 1773, and died in 1857. He was a leader in his county and the first to import Morgan and Black Hawk horses and Durham cattle into Ohio. For seven years he was justice of the peace, ten years township trustee, a school director and militia captain.

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John Mastick, father of Nathaniel, was the only son of John Salter, of a wealthy Holland family, born in 1717, was stolen by a British press-gang at the age of nine years, put aboard a man-of-war and held in the service nine years. Taking advantage of the first opportunity when the ship lay in Boston harbor, he "swapped" clothes with a stone mason, assumed the name of John Mastick, and though pursued and wounded, escaped, settled, married, and raised a family. An advertisement in after years appeared in a New York paper for the heirs of this Holland house. His eldest son gathered together the proofs and started for Europe, but was never more heard from. Harriet (Cook) Mastick, the third child in a family of four sons and five daughters, was born Sept. 27, 1804. She died May 20, 1894, aged 90, and was buried at Ridgeville, Ind. Her mother, Susannah Ives, was married Dec. 16, 1799, to Ephraim Cook, who was born Dec. 21, 1775, in Cheshire, Conn., son of Elam Cook, born in 1733, in Cheshire, Conn., son of Capt. Ephriam Cook, born in 1704, in Cheshire, Conn., son of Samuel Cook, who came from England.

Erastus Chidester was one of seven brothers: Hezekiah, Philo, Erastus, William Rush, Julius, Velorus and Royal Canfield; all but the last were born at Cornwall Bridge, Conn. His birth was on March 23, 1789, son of William and Martha (Dean) Chidester. He married Lydia Sackett, at Canfield, Ohio, in 1813, and they raised a family of three sons, Clark, Julius and William N., and two daughters, Caroline and Martha. He moved to Richland Grove, near Swedonia, Mercer County, Ill., where they celebrated their golden wedding and here resided till his death, March 10, 1866. His wife, Lydia Sackett, who survived him several years, was born Nov. 1, 1790, afterwards went with her eldest son, Clark Chidester, to Fairfield, Jefferson County, Iowa, where she died Feb. 23, 1872, at the mature age of 82 years, and was buried at Brookville, Jefferson County, Iowa.

William Chidester, born in Williamstown, Mass., in 1757, was a son of William Chidester, who with his brother Jonathan, emigrated from Wales to America. The latter settled in New Jersey, the former in Williamstown, Mass. When quite young the Indians attacked the town, killed a number of the inhabitants, and carried away several women and children, among whom was Mrs. Carter, sister-in-law of William, Sr. Together with Mr. Carter and others he followed their trail and overtook them near Wilkesbarre, Pa., where a battle ensued and both were killed. William, Jr., soon after went to live with his uncle, Hezekiah Carter, who

resided at Cornwall, Litchfield County, Conn., and was brought up by him. He married Chloe Peck in 1779, by whom he had one son, but his wife and son died in less than two years.

The following account of the father, William Chidester, and his journey to the then West, is from the lips of his son, Erastus: "William Chidester was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, at first drafted as a militiaman under Samuel Canfield of New Milford, Conn. He enlisted in the company of Capt. Theodore Woodbridge, Eleventh Connecticut line, under command of Colonel Homan Swift, in which he served four years. He participated in the battles of Brandywine and Monmouth. At the expiration of his term he was discharged, returned to Cornwall, and married Martha, daughter of Thomas Dean of that place. He began keeping house near Cornwall bridge, and followed his trade of tailor here for three years. He then bought a nearby farm on which he lived until 1802, when he exchanged it for land in Canfield in what was then called New Connecticut in the Northwest Territory, later known as the Western Reserve, State of Ohio. He left Cornwall April 27, 1802, arriving at his destination, Canfield, Ohio, June 2nd. His large family and household goods and stores were conveyed in two wagons, one drawn by a team of horses, the other by oxen, with a led cow. His route was up the Hudson to Newburgh, where he crossed in a piroque at one load. Thence proceeded to Easton on the Delaware, which was crossed in a flat boat in two loads; thence by a then lonesome and dangerous road over the Allegheny Mountains to Fort Pitt; crossing the Monongahela here, they journeyed down the south bank over a mere trail in the rough hills to Beavertown. They forded the Ohio about a mile and a half below, thence reached Canfield, Ohio, in two and one-half days. He selected plot No. 15, first division in the woods, the next house west of his being then 15 miles distant. Three years afterwards he removed to plot No. 18 in the third division, where he lived, and in 1811 built a frame house for his son, Royal Canfield Chidester, the first white child born in that settlement. After the admission of Ohio in 1803 he was elected justice of the peace, which office he held until his death, Feb. 26, 1813. He also served as township trustee and commissioner of Trumbull County. His wife, Martha, survived him a number of years and drew a pension on account of his services in the Revolution."

Dr. Charles B. Chidester received his early education in the schools of Hiram, Ohio, and attended Hiram College, after which he was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Michigan, and

the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md., from which he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine, March 4, 1881. He began the practice of his profession at Burton, Ohio, and in 1890 removed to Erie, where he has since been located. His office is at 219 West 18th Street.

On Nov. 13, 1884, Doctor Chidester was married to Minnie, second daughter of Waterman S. and Caroline B. Hodges, of Middlefield, Ohio. They had two children: Rose Ann, born July 15, 1886, died Aug. 8, 1886; and Frank Charles, born May 5, 1888, died May 16, 1888. Mrs. Chidester died May 12, 1888. Her memory will always be dear to a large circle of friends by whom she was loved and admired for her vivacity and refinement of manner and a remarkable sweetness of disposition. Her ancestors were pioneers in Middlefield from North Bradford, Conn. He was married Feb. 19, 1889, to Mrs. Ella J. Durban (nee Vance), of Collingwood, Ohio, born July 16, 1850, at Fairview, Erie County, Pa. They had two daughters: Minnie Bickford, born Dec. 25, 1889, lives at home; and Mabel E., born May 11, 1891, died April 29, 1915. Ella J. (Vance) Chidester's great-grandfather was Patrick Vance, who settled in Erie County in 1797. His son, Thomas Vance, lived on a farm near Fairview. He had three children: Thomas Vance, Jr., who afterward lived on the farm; Jane, who married Franklin Willis, of Fairview, April 14, 1842; and Margaret, who died, unmarried. Thomas Vance, Jr., born July 16, 1821, married Elizabeth Olivia Weidler, Feb. 17, 1848, died Dec. 7, 1887. She was born Aug. 21, 1829, and died Feb. 18, 1855. They are buried at Fairview, Erie County, Pa. Her maternal grandfather, Daniel Weidler, a pioneer of Erie County, was born in Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 12, 1805, and married Sept. 15, 1827, Catherine Frissler in Lancaster. He died Sept. 3, 1874; she died May 19, 1855. They are buried in Fairview. Their children were: Elizabeth Olivia, born Aug. 21, 1829, died Feb. 18, 1855; Michael George, Samuel, Daniel, Samuel S., Anna Amelia, Catherine Atlanta, John A. and Mary A.

Doctor Chidester was married the third time on June 29, 1922, to Mrs. Florence (Hiegel) Burroughs, a native of Erie, and the daughter of George and Mary (Berchtold) Hiegel. Mr. Hiegel was born in Erie, Oct. 14, 1859, and died June 10, 1913. His wife, who was born Feb. 4, 1859, resides in Erie. There were four children in the Hiegel family: Mrs. Chidester; George, lives in Erie; William, deceased; and Gertrude Dunbeck, lives in Erie. Before her marriage Mrs. Chidester was the widow of Willard Burroughs, who was born in Maryland, Nov. 24, 1875,

and died Nov. 11, 1909. By that marriage she had three children: George, died May 25, 1906; Iola Mary, born April 22, 1908; and Henry W., born June 7, 1910.

Doctor Chidester is identified with the Republican party.

Dr. O. N. Chaffee, who is widely known as a successful physician and surgeon of Erie, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was graduated from Wattsburg High School (Pa.) in 1896 and then attended Edinboro Normal School. The following two years were spent in teaching in the rural schools of his native state, after which Doctor Chaffee entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore, Md., where he began the study of medicine. He was graduated from the Physicians and Surgeons College at Baltimore, Md., in 1906, and his interne work was done at Mercy Hospital, Baltimore. The next year Doctor Chaffee located at Conneaut Lake, Pa., and the following year removed to Wattsburg, where he practiced his profession for three years, succeeding Dr. Bell, deceased.

After spending almost a year in the study of medicine at Vienna, Doctor Chaffee came to Erie in 1911 and established his practice at 820 Sassafras Avenue. He has a large practice and is recognized as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of this section.

On June 12, 1907, Doctor Chaffee was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Baldwin, of Erie, and the daughter of James and Frances (Titus) Baldwin, residents of Erie, where Mr. Baldwin is engaged in the real estate business. To Doctor and Mrs. Chaffee two children have been born: Mary F., born in 1908; and John S., born in 1914.

In October, 1923, Doctor Chaffee was made a member of the American College of Surgeons. He is identified with the Erie County, State and American Medical Societies, is a 32nd degree Mason, member of the Shrine, belongs to the University Club, and holds membership in the First Methodist Episcopal Church. Doctor Chaffee is a member of St. Vincent's Hospital staff.

Dr. James D. Stark, a physician of Erie, is well known throughout the community, both as a successful man in his profession and as an excellent citizen. He was born at Toledo, Ohio, March 15, 1893, and is the son of Frank H. and Laura A. (Dolph) Stark.

Frank H. Stark, who resides at Coraopolis, Pa., is a native of New York. He has served as vice president of the Coraopolis Savings & Trust

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Company for many years and as superintendent of the Montour Railway Company. His wife was born in Toledo, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Stark were born three children: Elizabeth Reeve, deceased; Myrtle Anderson, lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Dr. James D., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. James D. Stark attended the public and high schools of Coraopolis, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1912. He then entered Pittsburgh University, from which he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1916. Four more years were spent in this institution and in 1920 Doctor Stark was graduated from the Medical School. He began practice of his profession in Erie at 960 East 6th Street, and in March, 1925, moved his office to his residence at 860 East 6th Street. He is connected with Hamot Hospital and the Erie Infants' Home and is identified with the Erie County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He has served as physician for the Hammermill Paper Company of Erie for one year and is still associated with the company.

On July 30, 1921, Doctor Stark was united in marriage with Miss Emma McCormick, a native of Coraopolis, Pa., and the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth McCormick. To Doctor and Mrs. Stark one child has been born, Marjorie Leigh Stark, born July 23, 1922.

Doctor Stark is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge.

Dr. Edward M. Engels, a prominent and successful dentist of Erie, with offices at 960 East 6th Street, is a native of Highland Falls, N. Y. He was born Aug. 7, 1877, and is the son of Charles W. and Louise (Lebrantz) Engels.

Charles W. Engels has spent his entire life in New York and is engaged in the painting business at Beacon, N. Y. His wife is also a native of that state. They have ten children, as follows: Charles, lives in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. Edward M., the subject of this sketch; Catherine, lives at Albany, N. Y.; Anna Boliver, lives at Union Hill, N. J.; Leonard, lives at Middletown, N. Y.; Clara Martin, lives at Batavia, N. Y.; Paul, lives at Newburgh, N. Y.; Carroll, lives at Union, N. Y.; Grace Harrington, lives at Beacon, N. Y.; and Jennie Foster, lives at Beacon, N. Y.

After receiving his preliminary education in the public schools, Dr. Edward M. Engels entered the dental school of the University of Maryland, where he received his degree in 1900. For one year he practiced

his profession at Rochester, N. H., then went to Altoona, Pa., where he remained six years. In 1913 he located at Erie, where he has built up a splendid practice.

On June 8, 1907, Doctor Engels was married to Miss Agnes M. Young, a native of Philadelphia and the daughter of John Young. They have three children: Edward, born in 1908; Elizabeth, born in 1909; and Miriam, born in 1917.

Doctor Engels is a Republican, a member of the Episcopal Church and belongs to the Elks lodge. He is identified with the Erie County, State, Lake Erie and American Dental Associations.

Dr. H. R. Steadman, physician and surgeon of Erie, who is engaged in practice at 529 East 6th Street, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in McKean, Oct. 8, 1888, and is the son of Thomas and Fannie L. (Morrow) Steadman.

Thomas Steadman was born at McKean, Pa., April 21, 1864, and his wife is also a native of Pennsylvania, born Aug. 13, 1864. He engaged in the grocery business at Edinboro, Pa., for 29 years and now lives retired. Mr. and Mrs. Steadman had two children: Dr. H. R., the subject of this sketch; and Vera Coyle, born April 5, 1895, lives at Edinboro, Pa.

Dr. H. R. Steadman attended the public and high schools at Edinboro and in 1906 completed a course at Edinboro Normal School. The next four years were spent in teaching school, and as principal of the Phillipsville and Edinboro high schools. In 1910 Doctor Steadman entered Jefferson Medical School at Philadelphia where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1914. He then served as interne at Kings County Hospital (N. Y.) for two years, and in 1916 established his present practice in Erie.

In 1916 Doctor Steadman was married to Miss Mary J. Haffner, a native of Lawrence, Mass., and a daughter of Lewis and Emily (Bourisse) Haffner. Before her marriage Mrs. Steadman was a trained nurse, after having completed her course in the King County Hospital in 1914. Doctor and Mrs. Steadman have two sons: Thomas R., born March 15, 1917; and Henry R., Jr., born Nov. 27, 1921.

Doctor Steadman is identified with the Erie County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is also a member of the American Public Health Asso-

ciation and has served as chief medical inspector of the Erie public schools for seven years. He is a Republican, and a member of the Masonic and Elks lodges. He is connected with the staff of St. Vincent's and Hamot hospitals. Doctor Steadman is one of Erie's best known young men and is deservedly popular with his rapidly increasing practice.

Dr. J. F. Robertson, a prominent physician of Erie, with offices at 918 Peach Street, was born in Dorchester, New Brunswick, Canada, Sept. 11, 1867, and is the son of Allan O. and Margaret (MacDonald) Robertson.

Allan O. Robertson, deceased, was a native of Scotland, as was also his wife. When a young man he came to this country and settled in Providence, R. I. Later they moved to Maine, where he engaged in the lumber business. He moved to Connecticut, to engage in the building stone business, later moving to Canada, where the subject of this sketch was born. He served as superintendent of The Ohio Building Stone Company for a number of years. In the year 1887 he went to Tacoma, Wash., and engaged in the building stone business there. He died at the age of 86. His wife is also deceased.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, who were married in Providence, R. I., in 1844, were born eight children, of whom four are now living: Catherine Gooding, lives at Central Falls, R. I.; Georgeanna Vinol, lives at Pasadena, Cal.; Margaret Bailey, lives at Dayton, Ohio; and Dr. J. F., the subject of this sketch.

J. F. Robertson spent his boyhood in the state of Ohio and attended the Northwestern Ohio State Normal School (Ohio Northern) and Oberlin College. He later went to the Pacific coast, where he engaged in the mercantile business for several years. In 1895 he was graduated by the Philadelphia Dental College and in 1896 by the Medico Chirurgical College of Philadelphia. He practiced dentistry from 1896 to 1900 in Philadelphia. He practiced medicine in Philadelphia from 1900 to 1909. He served as a member of the Philadelphia Polyclinic staff for several years. He then moved to New Castle, Pa., where he specialized in Urology and Proctology for 13 years. Since January, 1923, he has been in Erie, where he is well established in general and special practice.

On June 18, 1891, J. F. Robertson was united in marriage with Miss Anna L. Barker, of Seattle, Wash., and the daughter of David W. and Margaret L. Barker. They have three children: Allan D., born Oct. 22, 1894, lives in Erie, Pa., lessee and manager of Park Theatre; Gladys

B. Wood, born July 13, 1896, lives at Cleveland; and Margaret L., born Aug. 22, 1904, a student at Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio.

Doctor Robertson is identified with the Republican party in politics. He is a member of the Baptist church, a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the Shrine. He was formerly a member of the Philadelphia County Medical Society and the Lawrence County Medical Society, as well as other state and national associations.

James B. Yard, the well known prothonotary of Erie County, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Milton, Northumberland County, March 14, 1871, and is the son of John W. and Sarah (Buoy) Yard.

John W. Yard was born in Pennsylvania, as was his wife. In 1890 they came to Erie where he became a prominent architect. He died in 1920 and his wife died three years later. They had three children: William H., lives in Utica, N. Y.; James B., the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Grace Spangenberg, lives in Erie.

After completing his early education in the schools of New York, James B. Yard entered Cornell University, from which he received his degree in 1894. He then located in Erie with his father and engaged in architectural work until Jan. 1, 1916, when he was elected to his present office. Mr. Yard is now serving his third term and is most capable and efficient. He served as a member of the city council from 1900 until 1904.

Mr. Yard was a member of the National Guard when the Spanish-American War broke out and was at that time made a first lieutenant in Company C, Fifteenth Regular Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He left for war April 26, 1898, and was transferred later from Mount Gretna to Athens, Ga., and later to Cuba with the rank of captain. He spent three months there and was discharged in Erie, Feb. 1, 1899.

June 18, 1913, Mr. Yard was united in marriage with Miss Alice Daniel, of New York City. They have six children: Mary, married D. C. Dean; William B., a student at Cornell University; Amanda; Daniel; Laura-Grace; and Florence.

Mr. Yard has taken an active part in Republican politics and has been a delegate to two state conventions and to the national convention in Chicago in 1920. He is affiliated with the Masonic and Elk lodges and belongs to the University Club and the Spanish-American War Veterans. He and his family hold membership in the Kingsley Methodist Episcopal Church and are representative of the best citizenship in Erie County.

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Dr. Fred Fisher, Jr., is one of Erie's capable young physicians and surgeons, whose practice is limited to the treatment of eye, ear, nose and throat diseases. He was born at Brockwayville, Pa., Oct. 27, 1890, and is the son of Fred and Mary (Fraley) Fisher.

Fred Fisher resides in Erie, where he is connected with the General Electric Company as paymaster. He is a native of Pentwater, Mich., born in 1869, and for many years lived at Kane, Pa., where he served as assistant postmaster for 25 years. His wife was born at Renovo, Pa., in 1869, and is the daughter of Sam and Permilia (Moore) Fraley. Mr. Fraley was connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company during his life and was the first conductor to run a train into Kane, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Fisher three children were born: Mary A. and Minnie May, both deceased; and Dr. Fred, the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Fred Fisher, Jr., received his education in the public schools of Kane, Pa., and after his high school graduation in 1909 he entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1913. He was an interne in the Altoona (Pa.) Hospital for one year and in 1914 began the practice of his profession in Erie. He has taken post graduate work in the University of Pennsylvania, where he specialized in the study of eye, ear, nose and throat diseases. He has also taken post graduate work in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital of New Orleans (La.), the Loyola University, and Tulane University at New Orleans (La.).

On April 30, 1924, Doctor Fisher established a hospital for eye, ear, nose and throat at 343 East 6th Street, and has a staff of nurses and twelve physicians. Miss Margurite M. Hollis is nurse in charge. The hospital is modernly equipped in every respect for this kind of work.

On June 24, 1915, Doctor Fisher was united in marriage with Miss Mary D. Heison, of Philadelphia, and the daughter of Charles and Kezia (Gans) Heison, deceased. To Doctor and Mrs. Fisher have been born two children: Mary Dorothy, born Sept. 13, 1916; and Ruth Edith, born July 29, 1924.

Doctor Fisher is identified with the American Medical Associaton, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and the Erie County Medical Society. He is a member of the Park Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge No. 708 and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 107. Doctor Fisher has been unusually successful in his work and is deservedly popular in his community.

Dr. George F. Stoney, a well known physician and surgeon of Erie, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, May 4, 1886, and is the son of George F. and Lenora (Shepard) Stoney.

George F. Stoney is a native of Cleveland, born July 12, 1857, and his wife was born in that city, Aug. 14, 1859, the daughter of Joseph and Maryette (Demars) Shepard. Mr. Stoney has served as superintendent of the Lorain plant of the United States Steel Company for the past 20 years. There were three children in the Stoney family: Alfred R., engaged in the foundry business at Elyria, Ohio; Thomas, who died at the age of four years; and Dr. George F. Stoney, the subject of this sketch.

Dr. George F. Stoney attended the public schools of Wilkinsburg, Pa., and after completing a preparatory course at Bethany in 1903, he entered Jefferson Medical College, from which he received his degree in 1910. He then served as interne at St. John's Hospital, Pittsburgh, and in 1911 located in Erie. His office is at 759 East 6th Street.

On Oct. 12, 1910, Doctor Stoney was united in marriage with Miss Blanche Piersol, a native of Ostrander, Ohio, and the daughter of George and Abagail (Robinson) Piersol. To Doctor and Mrs. Stoney have been born three children: Florence V., born in February, 1912; George F., born June 19, 1915, died Aug. 30, 1919; and Mary B., born April 15, 1923.

Doctor Stoney is a Republican, a member of the Church of Christ, and belongs to the Masonic lodge and Shrine. He is identified with the Erie County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He is a member of St. Vincent's Hospital staff and ranks among the influential citizens of the community.

Dr. C. B. Cleland, dentist, is a prominent citizen of Erie and a veteran of the World War. He was born in Crawford County, Pa., Sept. 1, 1884, and is the son of John J. and Martha May (MacFeeters) Cleland. Mr. Cleland has engaged in farming during his life and lives in Summit Township, Erie County. His wife, a native of Crawford County, Pa., died in October, 1918. Doctor C. B., the subject of this sketch, is their only child.

C. B. Cleland received his early education in the grade and high schools of Erie, from which he was graduated in 1904. After four years in the employ of the Ball Iron Works, Erie, he entered the dental school of the University of Michigan, from which he received his degree in 1911. He has since practiced his profession in Erie and has been in his present

location, 24 West Ninth Street, since March, 1924. Doctor Cleland specializes in dental X-ray work, and is capable in his profession. In 1920 he completed a post graduate course in the University of Pennsylvania.

Doctor Cleland enlisted for service during the World War on July 10, 1917, and was commissioned a first lieutenant. On March 8, 1918, he was promoted to captain and served throughout the war as a member of the Third Division. Doctor Cleland was made a captain in the Pennsylvania National Guard on Feb. 26, 1923, and is still serving in that capacity.

On Aug. 22, 1906, Doctor Cleland was united in marriage with Miss Bess Mae Inman, who was born at Wattsburg, Erie County, Sept. 11, 1883, and the daughter of Sylvester C. Inman, deceased. Doctor and Mrs. Cleland have an adopted daughter, Harriet Lick, born in 1910. Her parents are deceased and she has resided with her foster parents since 1922.

Doctor Cleland is a member of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church and is Sunday School Superintendent.

Dr. John H. Lloyd, who ranks among Erie County's capable physicians and surgeons, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in Ontario, Canada, Nov. 19, 1873, and is a son of Andrew and Jane (Smeaton) Lloyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lloyd, natives of Canada and Scotland, respectively, settled in Erie County in 1875. He was a machinist by trade and conducted a shop in Erie for a number of years. He now lives retired. His wife is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd three children were born: Edward William, general contract agent, Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago; John H., the subject of this sketch; and Arthur M., engaged in business with his brother in Chicago.

John H. Lloyd received his early education in the public schools of Erie and in 1896 received his degree as Doctor of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. After two years at Fairview, Erie County, he established his practice in Erie, remaining here five years. The following two years were spent in Florida and in 1907 Doctor Lloyd settled at West Mill Creek, Pa., where he was successfully engaged in practice for 17 years. His office in Erie is at 210 West 8th Street.

On July 19, 1917, Doctor Lloyd volunteered for service during the World War and received the rank of first lieutenant. After six weeks at Camp Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., he was transferred to Camp Pike, Ark.,

where he served until Feb. 8, 1919. Doctor Lloyd was serving as a major at the close of the war, and was recently promoted a lieutenant colonel of the Officers Reserve Corps.

On May 26, 1898, Doctor Lloyd was united in marriage with Miss Edith Willis, of Fairview, Pa., and a daughter of Rufus and Martha (Eaton) Willis. They have four children: Marjorie, born in 1900; A. W., born in 1902, a student at Grove City College; Virginia, born in 1904; and Andrew, born in 1907.

Doctor Lloyd is identified with the Erie County, Pennsylvania State and American Medical Associations. He is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. Doctor Lloyd is a substantial citizen and stands high in his profession.

Dr. H. E. Lyons, one of Erie's prominent young physicians and surgeons, who is a veteran of the World War, was born in this city, Nov. 22, 1883, and is the son of Eugene and Mary (Hagmann) Lyons.

Eugene Lyons is a native of Greenfield Township, Erie County, born in 1857, and his wife was born at Gloversville, N. Y., in 1862. They were married Oct. 17, 1882, and have four children: Dr. H. E., the subject of this sketch; Fred R., lives in Erie; Frank R., died in infancy; and Jessie M., at home. Mr. Lyons has worked at the carpenter trade for many years and resides in Erie.

Dr. H. E. Lyons was graduated from Erie Central High School in 1905 and received his degree as Doctor of Medicine at the University of Buffalo in 1909. His interne work was done in St. Vincent's Hospital, Erie, and in 1910 he began the practice of his profession at Fairview, Pa., where he remained until 1917. He volunteered for service during the World War and was commissioned a first lieutenant at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where he remained for six weeks. He was then stationed at Camp Stewart, Virginia, until his discharge, March 15, 1919. Since that time he has been located in Erie, with offices at 618 West 26th Street. He is a member of the staff of St. Vincent's Hospital.

On April 24, 1913, Doctor Lyons was married to Miss Irene M. Williams, of Erie, and the daughter of John F. and Marie Williams. They have a son, Robert W., born Aug. 5, 1914.

In politics Doctor Lyons is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic

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Lodge, Shrine, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Lions Club. He is a member of the Erie County, State and American Medical Associations. Doctor Lyons is progressive in his profession and has a host of friends and acquaintances in Erie.

Dr. William S. Dietz, who is well and favorably known in Erie as a successful doctor of osteopathy, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Pittsburgh, April 18, 1866, and is the son of Henry and Mary E. (Lamberts) Dietz.

Henry Dietz came to this country from Germany when a young man and settled in Pittsburgh. He died at the age of 34 years, and his wife died at the age of 85. They were the parents of the following children: Adam, deceased; Mary Patterson, lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Emma Dietz, lives in Pittsburgh; Harry, lives at Toronto, Ohio; and William S., the subject of this sketch.

William S. Dietz received his early education in the schools of Pittsburgh and in 1907 received his degree as Doctor of Osteopathy at the Union School of Osteopathy, Wheeling, W. Va. He then practiced his profession in Pittsburgh until 1916, when he removed to Erie. He has offices in the Commerce Building and has an extensive practice. Doctor Dietz has taken post graduate work in the Palmer Chiropractic School at Oklahoma City, Okla., and a course of Electronic Medicine at Bradford, Pa.

Doctor Dietz has four children: Sherman, Seleah Beatty, Ada B., and Charles, all living in Pittsburgh.

Doctor Dietz is a member of the Lutheran church and belongs to the Knights of Malta and Elks lodge.

Dr. Fred Thomas Hicks, well known doctor of osteopathy and highly esteemed citizen of Erie, is a native of Canada. He was born at Lotus, Ontario, June 2, 1877, and is the son of William T. and Esther (Parsons) Hicks.

William T. Hicks and his wife were born in Canada and settled in Erie in 1888 where he followed his trade as a mill wright. He is now deceased. His wife resides at 614 East 23rd Street, Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, who were married Feb. 2, 1875, four children were born: Nellie A. Schmid, a nurse at the Soldiers' Home, lives with her mother in Erie; Fred Thomas, the subject of this sketch; J. Howard, a leading

architect of Erie, with offices in the Palace Building; and Evelyn Blanche Tanner of Erie.

Fred Thomas Hicks received his early education in Canada and after coming to Erie with his parents attended the public and high schools here. In 1912 he took up the study of osteopathy at Kirksville, Mo., which he completed in 1915. He then began the practice of his profession at Oregon, Ill., and in 1918 located in Erie. In 1921 he removed to his present location, 124 West 7th Street, where he has an extensive practice.

Doctor Hicks is identified with the Erie County Osteopathic Society, of which he served as secretary and treasurer for three years, and he belongs to the State and American Osteopathic Associations.

On June 21, 1905, Doctor Hicks was united in marriage with Miss Blanche Helene Ellis, a native of Crawford County, Pa., born March 9, 1879, and the daughter of Rev. William H. and Sarah Elizabeth (Kirby) Ellis. Reverend Ellis, who now resides at Uniontown, Pa., served as pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Erie for one year. His wife is deceased. They were the parents of the following children: Irene Carrie Sweyer, lives at 821 East 25th Street, Erie; Mrs. Hicks; Jessie Estelle, deceased; William Stanley, lives at Uniontown, Pa.; Rachel Gertrude Van-Kirk, lives at Bellevue, Pa.; and Leon G., lives in Philadelphia. Doctor and Mrs. Hicks have two children: William Roland, born June 13, 1908; and Wallace Arnold, born Nov. 16, 1911; a son, Frederick Ellis, died in infancy.

Doctor Hicks is a Republican, a member of the Baptist church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He ranks among the progressive men in his profession.

R. B. Way, a well known and substantial citizen of Erie County, who is successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Erie, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Center County, Aug. 14, 1894, and is the son of Benner W. and Anna C. (Sellers) Way.

Benner W. Way was born at Buffalo Run, in Center County, Pa., where he engaged in general farming. Later, he was a merchant. He died in 1922 at the age of 70 years and his wife now resides at State College, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Way were the parents of the following children: Earl C., deceased; Ida M., married P. B. Meek, lives at State College, Pa.; I. G., lives at Erie; A. S., also lives at Erie; and R. B., the subject of this sketch.

R. B. Way spent his boyhood on his father's farm in Pennsylvania and attended the public schools. He was a student at Altoona, Pa., and later attended high school and a year at State College, Pa. When a young man he became associated with the Aluminum Cooking Utensil Company and later with the Colgate Company at Pittsburgh, Pa. In 1913 he came to Erie and at the age of 21 years engaged in the real estate business there, in which he has since been successfully engaged. He organized the R. B. Way Company and is president of the concern. Mr. Way is also president of the Frontier Company, secretary and treasurer of the Penn-Erie Land Company, vice president of the Citizens Mortgage Company, president of Erie Real Estate Board and secretary of Erie Industrial Board.

On Dec. 21, 1915, Mr. Way was married to Miss Grace F. Reeder, of Altoona, Pa., and the daughter of Charles W. and Addie (Bates) Reeder. To this union a daughter has been born, Virginia Grace, born Feb. 9, 1924.

Politically, Mr. Way is a Republican. He holds membership in the First Methodist Church of Erie, is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Shrine, Elks, Erie Club, Chamber of Commerce, Erie Yacht Club, Erie Motor Club, Old Colony Club, and the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Way is a believer in progressive methods in his business, and is always ready to support the best interests of the community.

F. R. Simmons, a well known pioneer business man of Erie, who is engaged in the wholesale dairy business, was born at East Springfield, Pa., March 3, 1845, and is the son of Elliott and Mary (Hart) Simmons.

Elliott Simmons was born at Jamestown, N. Y., in 1810, and was among the early settlers of Springfield, Pa., where he was proprietor of a tannery for 35 years. His wife was born at Weston, Vt., and died at the age of 25 years. They had two children: Herman, who died at the age of 13 years; and F. R., the subject of this sketch.

After attending the schools of Springfield, Pa., F. R. Simmons entered Oberlin College, from which he was graduated in 1870. He then taught school for three years and in 1873 came to Erie, where he became interested in the hide and leather business, in which he was successfully engaged until 1915. Beside this business, Mr. Simmons in 1889 entered the cold storage business. He owned the first cold storage plant between Cleveland and Buffalo, N. Y. He deals in butter, eggs, cheese and other dairy products.

In 1872 Mr. Simmons was united in marriage with Miss Susanna Alsdorf, a native of Utica, Ohio, and the daughter of William and Sarah

(Reed) Alsdorf, deceased. Mrs. Simmons died in 1917 and is buried in Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Simmons a daughter was born, Ruth, now the wife of A. W. Brevillier, who lives in Erie. They have a daughter, Ruth, born in 1904. She married Robert VanCleve and they live in Erie.

Mr. Simmons is a Republican and for 50 years has held membership in the Park Presbyterian Church. He is a reliable citizen and has been able to build up a successful business by his integrity and progressive methods. During the years of 1880 and 1885 Mr. Simmons was a member of Common and Select Council of Erie.

Frederick Brevillier, deceased, was a native of Germany, born Aug. 29, 1838, and the son of Alexander and Christiane Brevillier. The family was of French-Huguenot origin and the founders of the family in Germany were refugees who fled from France to escape the persecutions incident to the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685.

After receiving his education in the schools of his native land, Frederick Brevillier came to this country with his parents in 1854. They settled in Erie, where his elder brother, Gustav F., had taken up his residence several years previously. In 1855 Mr. Brevillier was a student in the Erie Academy, and in the spring of the following year he became an employe in a large importing house in New York City, where he remained until the latter part of 1857. Later, he attended business college in Cleveland, after which he accepted the position of secretary and treasurer of the Croton Glass Works, at New Castle, Pa., but returned to Erie a short time later. Here he entered the employ of J. V. Boyer, who conducted a hardware establishment on upper State Street. In January, 1861, he became bookkeeper in the wholesale grocery establishment of J. Johnston & Brother, and on Feb. 23, 1864, he was admitted to the firm as a copartner with Joseph and Orville Johnston, under the firm name of Johnston & Brevillier. Under this title the business was conducted for nearly two score of years, and during all this time the reputation of the firm was impregnable, while it advanced to the rank of one of the leading commercial concerns of this section of the state. Based upon honorable dealings and most effective service, the business of the house reached extensive proportions and covered a large territory.

On March 12, 1901, Joseph Johnston retired from the firm, owing to advanced age and the desire to be free from the exactions of active busi-

Frederick Previllier

ness. Mr. Brevillier purchased his partner's interest in the business, which he thereafter continued under his own name until April 1, 1906, when, after 45 years of arduous and effective work in the wholesale grocery trade, he too felt it expedient to retire, and the business was closed out. Mr. Brevillier died Dec. 24, 1910, and his wife died April 25, 1924.

On Oct. 6, 1864, Mr. Brevillier was married to Miss Charlotte M. Walther, a native of France, and the daughter of the late Jacob F. Walther. To this union were born four sons, all of whom are actively identified with business interests in Erie. They are: Frederick A., Charles G., Arthur W. and Edwin H. Brevillier.

Frederick A. Brevillier, president of the Bank of Erie Trust Company, is one of Erie County's most prominent business men and highly esteemed citizens. He was born in this city, Sept. 6, 1866, and is the son of Frederick and Charlotte M. Brevillier.

Mr. Brevillier received his education in the public schools of Erie, and began his business career with the wholesale grocery firm of Johnston & Brevillier, where he remained until February, 1897, at which time he became associated in business with C. M. Conrad, and two years later, when the business of C. M. Conrad was absorbed by the Erie Brewing Company, Mr. Brevillier was elected its secretary, which position he held until January, 1919, when he was elected vice president and treasurer.

In the organization of the Bank of Erie in 1918 he was elected its president, which office he has since filled. He is also connected in an official capacity with the United Gas & Fuel Company of Hamilton, Ontario, which supplies natural and manufactured gas in Hamilton, and is connected with the Hamilton By-Products Coke Ovens, Ltd., of Hamilton.

On June 28, 1893, Mr. Brevillier was united in marriage with Miss Katherine E. Conrad, a native of Erie, and the daughter of Charles M. and Dorothea Conrad. Mr. Conrad died Nov. 26, 1910, and his wife died Jan. 22, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Brevillier have no children.

Mr. Brevillier is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, being a Knights Templar, 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of Zem Zem Temple, A. A. O. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce, the Erie Club, Kahkwa Club, Rotary Club of Erie, and other civic organizations. In politics he is a Republican.

Harry M. Kenyon is a prominent citizen and successful business man of Erie. He is engaged in the real estate business with offices at 14 East 8th Street. Mr. Kenyon was born at Edinboro, Pa., May 29, 1891, the son of Elwin D. and Euretta (Hotchkiss) Kenyon.

Elwin D. Kenyon is a substantial citizen of Erie. He was born at Edinboro, Pa., as was also his wife. Many years ago he came to Erie and for the past 15 years has served as sales manager of the Baldwin Real Estate Company. Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon have the following children: Harry M., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Alberta Young, lives at Erie; John W., lives at Erie, where he is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad as a detective; and Treva, a student.

Harry M. Kenyon has lived in Erie since he was a small boy. After attending the public schools he clerked in a local clothing store and at the age of 21 years became affiliated with the Baldwin Company, real estate dealers. In 1916 he engaged in business for himself at 412 Commerce Building, where he was located until May, 1923, at which time he removed to his present location. Mr. Kenyon deals in improved property exclusively and has an extensive business.

On Sept. 18, 1912, Mr. Kenyon was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Bergsten, a native of Erie, and the daughter of Charles and Emma Bergsten, both deceased. Mrs. Kenyon's father died when she was a small child and her mother was drowned in the Erie flood. There were three children in the Bergsten family: Mrs. Helen Hiller, lives at 330 East 28th St., Erie; Mrs. Kenyon and Ralph, who lives at San Diego, Cal. To Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon have been born two children: Lucile, born July 19, 1916; and Marjorie, born July 2, 1919.

Mr. Kenyon is a Republican and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Elks lodge. His wife is a member of the Catholic Church.

Dr. Aulrey J. T. Barton is well and favorably known in Erie as a successful young dentist. He was born in Canada, Jan. 6, 1899, and is the son of Robert James and Amelia (Davidson) Barton. There are seven children in the Barton family, as follows: Newton James, Charles Kenneth, William Edward, Walter Robert, Wilfred Norman, Charlotte Sarah Anne, and Dr. Aulrey J. T., the subject of this sketch.

Aulrey J. T. Barton was reared and educated in Toronto, Canada, and in 1921 received his degree as Doctor of Dentistry. He has since prac-

ticed his profession in Erie and has met with marked success. His office is located at 705 Commerce Building. Doctor Barton enlisted for service during the World War and served two years overseas with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

On June 19, 1924, Doctor Barton was united in marriage with Miss Ruth C. Allen, who was born at Edinboro, Pa., the daughter of Harvey and Claudia (Ross) Allen. To Doctor Barton and wife has been born a daughter, Phyllis Jean, born March 29, 1925.

Politically, Doctor Barton is a Republican. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the County, State and National Dental Associations. He is also a member of the Psi Omega fraternity.

James D. Walker is among the highly esteemed and prominent business men of Erie County. He was born at Erie, Jan. 28, 1874, and is the son of James and Jane (Johnson) Walker.

James Walker, deceased, was a native of Scotland. At the age of 23 years he came to this country and settled in Erie County, Pa., where he engaged in general farming. In later life he was a merchant. Mr. and Mrs. Walker were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Anna Howe, deceased; Francis J., deceased; Thomas W., lives retired at Erie; Mrs. Elizabeth Gwinnell, lives at Erie; Mrs. Jane Jack, lives at Erie; Mrs. Margaret Bennett, deceased; Mrs. Sarah Warfet, lives at Erie; and James D., the subject of this sketch.

James D. Walker grew up in Erie and attended the public schools there. When a boy he learned the printer's trade and later became a builder of homes. He has been actively engaged since 1897 in the purchasing of large plots of land and the erection thereon of very fine dwellings. In addition to the real estate and building business Mr. Walker has since 1918 manufactured hardwood and cloth covered caskets—the plant which is one of the largest of its kind in the world, is located between 9th and 10th Streets on the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks at Erie, Pa. Mr. Walker is president and owner of Erie Burial Case Co., of Erie. He is president of the Elmira Casket Company of Elmira, N. Y. His real estate offices are located in his beautiful new fireproof building at 703 Peach Street.

Mr. Walker has a son, Everett David, who was born in 1895. After attending the public and high schools of Erie, he spent three years at

Swarthmore and Cornell Universities, and one year at Columbia University, New York City. He then enlisted in the World War and sailed for overseas where he served for 18 months. He returned to the United States in May, 1918. January, 1917, he went into training camp at Oglethorpe, Ga. He served in the ordnance department. He is now engaged in the manufacturing business with his father.

In politics Mr. Walker is identified with the Republican party. He is affiliated with the Central Presbyterian Church of Erie, and belongs to the Elks lodge, the Board of Commerce, the Real Estate Board, the Erie Motor Club, the Yacht Club and the Kahkwa Club. Mr. Walker is well known in his community.

Reg H. Howell, registrer of wills in Erie County, is a native of Erie. He was born at 21 West 2nd Street, Oct. 5, 1872, and is the son of Chauncey G. and Isabelle (Mehaffey) Howell.

Chauncey G. Howell, deceased, was born in Erie in 1841 and his wife was born there in 1842. She was the daughter of Hugh Mehaffey, a very early settler of Erie. Mr. Howell was associated with the grocery firm of French & McKnight, on State Street, and died in 1883 in Detroit while on a lake trip to Detroit, Mich. His wife died in 1914. They had two sons: Harry P., who died Oct. 14, 1923, at the age of 56 years, and Reg H., the subject of this sketch.

Reg H. Howell was educated in the public schools of Erie and began life as a messenger boy for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway at $22.50 per month. He remained in their employ for 13 years and at the time of his resignation was soliciting agent. He then engaged in the life insurance business representing the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., and he was thus engaged until his appointment as deputy sheriff, in which capacity he served one year. He was then made assistant postmaster of Erie under Isador Sobel, and on March 15, 1911, he again engaged in the insurance business with the above named company, with whom he was associated until 1915. Mr. Howell was then elected county registrer and recorder, taking office Jan. 1, 1916. He was reelected registrer and recorder in 1919 and in 1923 was elected registrer of wills, when the office was automatically divided by law.

Mr. Howell was married, March 5, 1899, to Miss Florence A. Dorsch, of Erie, the daughter of John Dorsch. They have a daughter, Virginia, who was graduated with honors from Erie High School in the class of 1925.

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Mr. Howell is a Republican and is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Erie Maennerchor, Elks and Moose lodges. He is widely known throughout Erie County and is highly esteemed.

Dr. John J. Koehler is among the enterprising and successful young dentists of Erie with offices at 701-702 Commerce Building. He is a native of Philadelphia, born July 23, 1898, and a son of Dr. C. E. and Catherine A. (Ackerman) Koehler.

Dr. C. E. Koehler, deceased, was a well known dentist of Erie, where he practiced his profession for 20 years. He died at the age of 45 years and his widow resides at 344 East Eighth Street, Erie. To Doctor and Mrs. Koehler were born three children: Marion Devine, lives in Erie; Dr. John J., the subject of this sketch; and Catherine, dietician at the University Hospital, Philadelphia.

John J. Koehler was graduated from Central High School, Erie, in 1917, and after completing a year's study at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, he enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps for service during the World War. He was transferred to the Pittsburgh University Dental School, where he received his degree of Doctor of Dentistry in 1921. He has since been located in Erie.

Doctor Koehler is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Memorial Church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge and Shrine, the Elks and the Delta Sigma Delta fraternity. He is a member of the Erie County Dental Society, the Pennsylvania State Dental Association, the Lake Erie Dental Society, and the American Dental Association. Doctor Koehler has an extensive acquaintance in Erie and is held in the highest esteem.

S. H. Drown, a member of the firm of Drown-Russell Company, real estate and insurance dealers, ranks among the progressive and enterprising business men of Erie. He was born on a farm in Green Township, Erie County, Sept. 12, 1876, and is the son of Hosea and Melvina M. (Hilborn) Drown.

Hosea Drown was born in Green Township, July 13, 1833, and his wife was also a native of the same township, born March 31, 1848. He followed general farming during his life and met with success. He died in 1912 and his wife died in 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Drown had four children: Myron Cyril, lives at Erie; S. H., the subject of this sketch; Arthur L.,

engaged in business with his brother, S. H.; and Mrs. Bertha Catherine French, lives at Newark, Ohio.

S. H. Drown was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools and also attended the Erie public schools. On Feb. 1, 1901, he engaged in the real estate business at 716 State Street, where he remained until 1911, at which time he removed to his present location in the Marine National Bank Building. The firm of Drown-Russell Company was organized on Jan. 1, 1918.

On Sept. 12, 1901, Mr. Drown was married to Miss Bertha L. Russell, the daughter of Thomas J., and Amy (Campbell) Russell, residents of Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Drown have no children. In politics Mr. Drown is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, a 33rd degree Mason, the Zem-Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine, at Erie, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and the Erie Real Estate Board.

Isaac Baker. Among the most prominent pioneer business men and influential citizens of Erie is Isaac Baker of the firm of Isaac Baker & Son, clothiers, 629 State Street. His many years residence in this city have been spent not only in establishing this extensive business but in promoting the public interests of Erie in many directions. He is a native of Germany, born in the province of Rhine, Aug. 22, 1847, and the son of Bernard and Barbara Baker, both natives of Germany.

When the family came to the United States in 1849, they located at once in Erie, but after remaining here for about two months removed to Girard, Pa., which remained the family home for eight or nine years, during which time the father engaged in general merchandising. Mr. Baker then returned to Erie with his family, where he established a clothing and dry goods business, and was thus engaged until the time of his death, his wife having died several years previous. To Mr. and Mrs. Baker were born six children, namely: Isaac, the subject of this sketch; Sarah, deceased; Emma Ostheimer, lives in Erie; Helen, deceased; Frank, deceased; and Henry, engaged in the real estate business in Cleveland.

Isaac Baker was reared in Girard and Erie, received his education in the public schools of these two places and at the age of 14 years became his father's regular assistant in the conduct of his business, subsequently becoming a member of the firm. Upon the retirement of the senior member of the firm from active business, Isaac Baker and his brother-in-law succeeded to the business, their store then being located at 510 State

Street. In about 1869 they purchased what was then known as the Caldwell Block on the southeast corner of Fifth and State streets, which they remodeled into what became the leading wholesale and retail clothing store, as well as merchant tailoring house in Erie or this portion of the state. The original style of the firm was B. Baker but upon his son's association with his brother-in-law, Jacob Ostheimer, it became Baker & Ostheimer. Upon the retirement of the latter, Alfred Baker, son of Isaac, was admitted into the firm, which then became Isaac Baker & Son, as at present. The business has been in its present location since 1906, a modern four story, brick building. During the time Mr. Baker was engaged in the wholesale business he became well known among the business men in the following counties of Pennsylvania: Crawford, Mercer, Butler, Venango and Lawrence.

Mr. Baker is acknowledged not only to be one of the leading merchants of Erie but among its most public spirited and progressive citizens, his interest in all forms of public education and charitable work being especially deep. He was one of the original promoters of the Erie Public Library, having been one of the board which permitted the city to own its own library and largely through his energy and wisdom this institution has become one of the leaders of its kind in the state. As stated he has also been identified with the local board of education and has been a member of the board since 1885 and for two terms served as its president. He has also been a trustee of St. Vincent's Hospital since its organization. He is also at the head of various social and religious organizations of the city and is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and is also a director of the Security & Savings Bank, of which he was an organizer. Mr. Baker is a member of the Jewish faith and served as president of the Jewish temple in Erie, for a number of years.

At the age of 24 years Mr. Baker was married to Miss Bertha Einhorn, a native of New York City, and the daughter of Rev. Dr. David Einhorn, one of the most noted reform rabbis of his time. The five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Baker are: Clara, the widow of J. Mayer, a prominent merchant of Cleveland for many years; Alfred, a member of the firm of Isaac Baker & Son, married Blanche Goldman, of Baltimore, Md.; Edward M., a graduate of the University of Chicago, lives in Cleveland, where he is president of the Cleveland Stock Exchange; Belle, lives at home; and Florence, married Rabbi Max C. Currick, lives in Erie.

Mr. Baker is a member of the Erie and University clubs.

Peter LeSueur, principal of the Erie Conservatory of Music since its inception in 1913, has had a long and distinguished career in the realm of music. He began the study of the piano at the age of seven and the organ a year later. At nine he was appointed organist of the Aquila Road Church, Jersey, England, which fact was commented upon in an article on "Musical Prodigies" in the San Francisco "Argonaut." He was organist of the Victoria Street Congregational Church at 16; winner of the medal offered by the "Western Daily Mail," Cardiff, for original composition, and of numerous prizes offered by various musical journals for compositions, articles on musical history and musical knowledge. He did considerable concert work as piano soloist and accompanist and gave many organ recitals.

After passing the Preliminary Arts examination for Bachelor of Music, Oxford University, he matriculated at New College in 1892, getting through the Intermediate Mus. Bac. exams in due course. Before taking his final exams he received at the hands of Mr. A. J. Eyre, organist of the Crystal Palace, London, after competitive examination, the valuable colonial appointments of Solo Organist and Music Master of the Methodist College, St. John's, Newfoundland, and Organist and Choirmaster of Gower Street Church. Four years later he received leave of absence and successfully took the final exams for Bachelor of Music under Sir John Stainer, the University Professor of Music; Sir C. Huburt H. Parry, the Choragus, and Sir Walter Parratt. Mr. LeSueur has also taken the Fellowship diploma of the Royal College of Organists, London (the highest diploma obtainable in the organ playing world), with Sir George C. Martin, Organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, London; Sir Frederick Bridge, Organist of Westminster Abbey, and other famous musicians as examiners. He also passed the searching requirements for the diploma of Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music, London. Mr. LeSueur held his Newfoundland appointments for ten years, during which time he taught piano, organ, voice and theoretical branches, making a brilliant reputation for himself as a pedagogue. Some hundreds of pupils passed through his hands and many are now occupying honored positions in the musical world. He was founder and conductor of St. John's Choral and Orchestral Society and received the honor of presentation to the present King and Queen of England at Government House, St. John's. He came to Erie in 1905 as organist and choirmaster of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, which position he now holds. He was made a Fellow of the American

Yours Sincerely,
Peter Le Sueur

Guild of Organists in 1912, and asked to form a Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the Guild, but the pressure of his many musical activities compelled him to decline. He was director of Thiel College Conservatory of Music for five years and relinquished this position to devote his entire time to the exacting requirements of his Cathedral and Conservatory duties in Erie.

Mr. LeSueur was born at Jersey, England, Jan. 9, 1871, and is the son of Peter and Miriam LeSueur, the latter deceased. There were six children in the LeSueur family: Peter, Florence, Mabel, Charles, Maude and Percival.

In August, 1905, Mr. LeSueur was married in St. John's Church, Westminster, London, England, to Miss Muriel Kate Hunter Watts. They have a son, John Hunter, born in Erie July 8, 1912.

Mr. LeSueur is a Republican, a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

Ethard A. Rhoads is among Erie's prominent young business men. He was born at Omaha, Neb., March 31, 1903, and is a son of Clyde and Jennie (Blair) Rhoads.

Clyde Rhoads, deceased, was born at Claypool, Ind., May 12, 1870. For 22 years he operated a feather mattress plant in Indiana, which he sold in 1915. Since 1915 the Rhoads family has resided at Erie, where Mr. Rhoads was successfully engaged in the transfer business for many years. He died in 1922 and is buried at Silverlake, Ind. His wife was born at Silverlake, Ind., in 1873, and lives at 240 West 18th Street, Erie. She is the owner of the Clyde Rhoads Transfer Company. To Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads one child was born, Ethard A., the subject of this sketch.

Ethard A. Rhoads received his education in the public and high schools at Erie and is a graduate of the New York Military Academy. He is now in charge of his father's business, which is among the leading enterprises of its kind in the city. Mr. Rhoads operates 14 automobile trucks and does all kinds of moving and trucking.

On Aug. 28, 1922, Mr. Rhoads was united in marriage with Miss Leona Brady, of Greenville, Pa., and they have one son, Robert, born June 26, 1923.

Mr. Rhoads is a Democrat, a member of the United Brethren Church and belongs to the Eagles lodge.

John J. Quinn, funeral director, is among the substantial and well known business men of Erie. He was born there, April 22, 1893, and is a son of W. J. and Sarah (McMahon) Quinn.

W. J. Quinn was a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, born in 1845. At the age of ten years he came to this country with his parents and settled at Providence, R. I., where he was educated. He served throughout the Civil War as a captain in the Rhode Island cavalry and after the close of the war removed to Erie, where he engaged in the undertaking business. Mr. Quinn was actively engaged in his profession for 45 years, and died suddenly on Nov. 22, 1919. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and a highly esteemed member of his community. His wife was born in New York City in 1855 and died March 23, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Quinn were the parents of seven children, four of whom are now living.

John J. Quinn attended the schools of Erie and in 1912 became associated in business with his father at his present location, 133 East 4th Street. He served during the World War in the school of arms at Camp Lee, being in service from September, 1917, until December, 1918. On Feb. 3, 1925, Mr. Quinn was married to Harriet Burgess Parke, born in Erie, Pa., a daughter of John F. and Sarah (Burgess) Parke. Mr. Parke is deceased and Mrs. Parke resides at 315 West 7th Street, Erie Pa.

Politically Mr. Quinn is identified with the Democratic party. He is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Elks Club, the Erie Yacht Club and the American Legion. He is a member of the Erie Morticians Association, the Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association, as well as the national organization.

William Hagenlocher, who ranks among the successful real estate operators of Erie, was born there, Oct. 13, 1886, the son of Jacob and Anna (Rose) Hagenlocher.

Jacob Hagenlocher was born in Germany, as was also his wife. In 1870 he came to this country and located at Erie, where he entered the employ of the Erie City Iron Works. For the past 18 years he has lived retired. His wife died in 1919 and is buried in Erie cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Hagenlocher were the parents of the following children: Mary, deceased; Henry, lives in Erie, where he is engaged in the manufacturing

business; Charles, engaged in the real estate business at Erie; George, deceased; Frank, lives in Erie; William, the subject of this sketch; Anna, who is employed in her brother William's office; Lena, a trained nurse, lives in Erie; Ernest, engaged in the electrical supply business in Erie; Edith, married Hubert Brubacker, lives in Erie; and Emma, who died in 1923.

William Hagenlocher received his education in the public and high schools at Erie and after completing his schooling became interested in the manufacturing business. In 1909 he sold his manufacturing plant and engaged in the real estate business at 1108 State Street. Two years later he removed to his present location at 27 East 8th Street.

On June 23, 1914, Mr. Hagenlocher was united in marriage with Miss Lillian E. Blass, of Erie. She is a daughter of Adam and Mary Blass, residents of Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Hagenlocher has been born one daughter, Martha Jane, born in May, 1916.

In politics Mr. Hagenlocher is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Lutheran Memorial Church of Erie and belongs to the Masonic and Elks lodges and the Knights of Pythias. He is a public spirited citizen who holds the high regard of all who know him.

Leo J. Burgoyne, a successful and well known merchant of Erie, who is engaged in the grocery business at 461 East 6th Street, is a native of Erie. He was born March 2, 1881, and is a son of John J. and Mary (Hanley) Burgoyne.

John J. Burgoyne, deceased, was born in Harbor Creek Township, Erie County, in 1854. He served as a mail carrier for a number of years and was in the service when there were only 18 men employed at the Erie postoffice. He later engaged in the livery business at 7th and French streets. He died in 1909, and is buried in Trinity cemetery. His wife is a native of Erie where she now resides. Mr. and Mrs. Burgoyne were the parents of six children, as follows: Sarah, a teacher, lives in Erie; Mrs. Agnes Taylor, lives in New York; James, employed by the General Electric Company, lives at Erie; John J., ticket agent at the union station, Erie; Leo J., the subject of this sketch; and Susan, at home.

Leo J. Burgoyne was reared in Erie and attended the public and high schools there. When a young man he entered the employ of the Dispatch Printing & Engraving Company of Erie, where he remained until 1917. He then established a grocery business at 5th and Wallace streets, which

he sold in 1921. He then purchased the grocery business of William Schwab, which was established in 1900. He handles a staple line of groceries, candies, cigars, tobacco and patent medicines, and is among the leading merchants of the community.

On Aug. 24, 1920, Mr. Burgoyne was married to Miss Rosella Cauley, a native of Hollywood, Cal., and a daughter of John J. and Mary (Welch) Cauley, residents of Hollywood, Cal. Mrs. Burgoyne is a graduate of Mount Mercy Academy, Buffalo, N. Y. To Mr. and Mrs. Burgoyne one child has been born, Rosella, born Oct. 7, 1923. Their residence is located at 333 East 6th Street.

Mr. Burgoyne is a Republican and he and his family hold membership in the St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Karl E. Morrison is a leading architect and prominent citizen of Erie. He was born at Lowville, Erie County, March 23, 1886, and is the son of Albert G. and Elizabeth (Ensign) Morrison.

Albert G. Morrison was born at Newmarket, Ontario, Canada, and his wife was a native of North East, Pa. In early life he was a merchant and also engaged in general farming. Later he became interested in the insurance business and represented the Metropolitan and Mutual Life of New York and the New York Life Insurance Company. He now lives retired in Los Angeles, Cal. His wife died June 1, 1913. To Mr. and Mrs. Morrison four children were born as follows: Walter L., born June 9, 1884, a mining engineer, Portland, Ore.; Karl E., the subject of this sketch; Leon A., born June 8, 1889, a mail carrier, Erie; and Gertrude, born Oct. 28, 1896, married N. N. Kilburn, Erie.

Karl E. Morrison was reared on the Downing farm in Erie County and attended East Mill Creek school, Erie High School, and Syracuse University. He followed his profession in the employ of the state of New York and was also connected with various architects' offices in New York and New England. Mr. Morrison formed a partnership with Frank A. Shutts in 1912, and they are widely known. They are the designers of the Central Bank & Trust Company Bank building, and the office of the Erie Lighting Company, besides many commercial buildings and fine residences.

On June 18, 1913, Mr. Morrison was married to Miss Edna Wolfgang, of Albany, N. Y., and the daughter of Fred A. and Jane A. (Zinn) Wolfgang, natives of New York. They reside at 271 Elm Street, Albany, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison have four children: Ralph K., born April 20, 1914;

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K. Raymond, born March 9, 1918; Earl C., born May 1, 1920; and Jane E., born Nov. 26, 1921.

Mr. Morrison is president of the Erie Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and in 1923 was delegate to the national convention in Chicago. In 1921 he served as vice president of the Erie Builders Exchange. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Masonic Lodge, Shrine, University Club, Y. M. C. A., Chamber of Commerce and a charter member of the Kiwanis Club.

C. N. Lochner is a veteran of the World War and a prominent young business man of Erie. He was born in Erie, May 11, 1890, the son of A. C. and Lena (Mangold) Lochner.

A. C. Lochner was a native of Erie, born in 1862. His parents had settled here the previous year and were among the leading pioneers of the county. Mr. Lochner engaged in the grocery business for 35 years and died in April, 1914. His wife's family settled here in 1858 and she was the daughter of Frank Mangold. She resides in Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Lochner had five children, as follows: Carrie, C. N., Mrs. Julia Spaeder, Marcella and Amanda, all of whom reside in Erie.

C. N. Lochner received his education in the public schools of Erie and when a young man entered the employ of his father. He now manages the business established by his father, which is located at 2601 Parade Street. The A. C. Lochner estate carries a fine line of groceries.

During the World War Mr. Lochner served in France with the 318th Infantry, 80th Division.

Mr. Lochner is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic Church and the Elks lodge. He is unmarried. He has been successful in his work and is considered among Erie's efficient citizens.

Joseph A. Kneib, a well known and substantial citizen of Erie, engaged in the dry goods business, at 904 Parade Street, is a member of one of Erie County's prominent pioneer families. He was born in Erie, March 19, 1877, and is the son of Anthony and Frances (Sanner) Kneib.

Anthony Kneib was a native of Erie, born in 1844 and the son of Mathias Kneib, who came to this country from Germany when a youth and settled at Erie. Anthony Kneib was a pioneer merchant of Erie, where he operated a dry goods business for 55 years. At the age of 72 years he retired and in April, 1921, died at San Diego, Calif. He is buried

in Trinity cemetery, Erie. Mr. Kneib held membership in St. John's Catholic Church and was highly esteemed in Erie. His wife was born in Delaware County, Iowa, and also died in 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Kneib were the parents of five children.

Joseph A. Kneib has always lived in Erie. After attending the public and high school he began as a clerk in his father's store, where he remained continuously until 1919, at which time he purchased the business. Mr. Kneib has an up to date store and carries a complete line of dry goods and notions. He lives at 351 East 26th Street.

Mr. Kneib was married to Miss Claire E. Etter, of Erie, the daughter of John and Sophia (Fryer) Etter, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kneib have no children.

Mr. Kneib is a Democrat, a member of St. John's Catholic Church and belongs to the Elks lodge. He has many friends in Erie County, where the name of his family has been known and respected for many years.

George B. Nelson is a progressive and enterprising citizen of Erie, where he is engaged in the sheet metal and roofing business at 523 East 18th Street. He was born in Wisconsin, Sept. 3, 1886, and is a son of Charles and Caroline (Anderson) Nelson.

Charles Nelson was reared in Wisconsin where he became a prosperous farmer and lumberman. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson now live retired at Nickerson, Minn. They are the parents of the following children: George B., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Florence McDonald, lives in North Dakota; Viola, married John Burg, lives in North Dakota; Charles Howard, lives at Duluth, Minn.; Hazel, married James Woodard, lives at Duluth; Arthur, lives in Idaho; Lester, lives at Duluth; James, and Floyd, both at home.

George B. Nelson received his education in the schools of Duluth and Superior, Wis. When a young boy he was employed in the lumber camps during the summer and in later years worked in the mines of Minnesota. Several years later he became interested in a roofing business and located in Erie in 1919, where he opened a shop at 1317 Parade Street. In 1923 he built his present building, at 523 East 18th Street, which is of three story brick construction, 40x72 feet. Mr. Nelson also sells furnaces and stoves.

On May 26, 1918, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage with Mrs. Anna Nelson of Cleveland, daughter of John Lister and Mary Thompson. By

her former marriage Mrs. Nelson had four children: Richard, deceased; Margaret, married Timothy J. Conway, lives in Cleveland; John, lives in Detroit, Mich.; and Donald, now in the employ of Mr. Nelson.

In politics Mr. Nelson is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and belongs to the Elks lodge. He also holds membership in the Erie Chamber of Commerce and the Builders Exchange. He is a substantial citizen and stands high in the community.

Eugene H. Blethen, a progressive and enterprising merchant of Erie, located at 1807 State Street, was born at Portland, Maine, July 28, 1878. He is a son of James L. and Ellen M. (Woods) Blethen.

James L. Blethen, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Portland, Maine, and was 16 years old at the time of his enlistment. After the close of the war he served as a member of the Portland police force until 1881, at which time he brought his family to Erie. After his arrival here he established a grocery business now owned by his son. Mr. Blethen died in 1899 at the age of 64 years, and his wife died in 1908, at the age of 65 years. Mr. and Mrs. Blethen were members of the Methodist Episcopal Simpson Church of Erie. They were the parents of six children: Francis E., Edith and Charles E., all deceased; Eugene H., the subject of this sketch; Arthur E., lives at San Diego, Cal., where he is engaged in the poultry business; and Coral E., lives at Spartansburg, Pa.

Eugene H. Blethen attended district school No. 7 at Erie and in April, 1898, volunteered in the service of the Spanish American War and served in Company C, 15th Pennsylvania division. He was discharged in March, 1899, and returned to his business at Erie. Mr. Blethen moved to his present location at 1807 State Street in 1921. He carries a good grade of groceries and meats.

On Dec. 12, 1899, Mr. Blethen was married to Miss Emma L. Adams, of Wesleyville, Pa., the daughter of Jeremiah and Diana (Roberts) Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Adams, deceased, are buried in North East cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Blethen have no children.

Politically, Mr. Blethen is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Simpson Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Spanish American Veterans. He is held in high regard throughout the community and is an excellent citizen of Erie County.

David W. Harper, the well known senior member of the firm of Harper & Russell Company, real estate and general insurance, Erie, Pa., was born Feb. 13, 1872, at Toronto, Canada, a son of William W. and Mary Martin (Tweed) Harper.

William M. Harper was born in Campsie Glen, Scotland, Aug. 29, 1844. In 1868 he came to the United States, locating first at Lynn, Mass., where he married Mary Martin Tweed, a native of Glascow, Scotland. Later they removed to Toronto, Canada, where they lived for ten years, and in 1880 came to Erie, Pa., where Mr. Harper became connected with the old Stearns Manufacturing Company and later engaged in the insurance business, in which he has been actively engaged since 1890. He is still a very active man in his profession. Mr. and Mrs. Harper were the parents of six children, as follows: William Rae, an instructor in the public schools of New York City; James L., died in Chicago in 1892, but is buried in Erie; David W., the subject of this sketch; Margaret Martin, the wife of Milton Rowley, a manufacturer, lives in Erie; Eva Hay, married Jay D. Cudney, lives at Houston, Tex.; and Ruth D., married Robert Lee Sale, president of the Sale Lithograph Company, Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. Harper died Feb. 15, 1898, at the age of 52 years, and is buried at Erie.

David W. Harper was educated in the public schools of Toronto and Erie, and at the age of 13 years learned the moulder's trade with the Stearns Manufacturing Company. After completing his trade he went to high school for two years, and from there to the office of the Water Works Company, as cashier. Later he was a stamp clerk in the Erie postoffice for three years. He then entered the railway mail service for a short time, and after having resigned from that position he went into the insurance business in 1893, where he was associated with his father, in the Exchange building on North Park Road and State Street until 1907. In that year he formed a partnership with James Russell under the firm name of Harper & Russell Company. Their offices are located in the Ariel building, of which Mr. Harper is president. While handling a general line of insurance, the firm specializes in industrial real estate.

On June 30, 1904, Mr. Harper was married at Erie, Pa., to Miss Pearl Critchfield, a native of Erie, and the daughter of John Dawson and Hattie (Henderson) Critchfield, both now deceased. Mr. Critchfield was an attorney at law in Mount Vernon, Ohio, where he practiced his profession for 35 years. He is buried at Mount Vernon and Mrs. Critch-

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field is buried at Erie. They were the parents of two children: Mrs. Harper, and one child who died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Harper five children have been born: David Dawson, born in 1905, a student at Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland; William Tweed, born in 1907; James Critchfield, born in 1908; Robena Pearl, born in 1913; and John Rae, born in 1918, the latter four attending the Erie public schools. The family are members of the First Baptist Church.

In national politics Mr. Harper votes the Republican ticket. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Shrine, the Elks, the Kahkwa Club, the Erie Club, University Club, and Yacht Club. He is also a member of the Rotary Club, being one of its charter members. He is vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, and is serving his second term as water commissioner of Erie. Mr. Harper was the first president of the Pennsylvania Real Estate Association, and has served as president of the Erie Real Estate Board, and was a member of the common council in 1901-02. He is a stockholder and is financially interested in a number of Erie's financial institutions. Mr. Harper is general chairman of the Erie Industrial Board of the Chamber of Commerce. The industrial board was organized for the purpose of bringing new industrial plants to the city. To this work Mr. Harper is devoting much time and effort. He is an enterprising and far sighted business man who has achieved marked success by virtue of hard work and integrity.

James Russell, a member of the firm of Harper & Russell, ranks among the prominent brokers and real estate operators of Erie. He was born in Baltimore, Md., March 12, 1871, and is a son of James and Maria (Wilkins) Russell.

James Russell, Sr., was born in Baltimore in 1841. He held an important position with the Eutaw Savings bank there for many years and died in 1888. His wife died in 1876. To Mr. and Mrs. Russell the following children were born: Edward, died at the age of seven years; James, the subject of this sketch; Olive, the widow of Elliott Gilpin, lives at Baltimore; May W., lives at Catonsville, Md.; and one child died in infancy.

James Russell resided in Baltimore until 1899. At an early age he became interested in the telephone business and was one of the organizers of the Baltimore Telephone Company. After coming to Erie he served as treasurer of the Union Telephone Company, which operated throughout

the northwestern part of Pennsylvania. In 1907, Mr. Russell became associated in business with D. W. Harper, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. Harper & Russell, besides their brokerage business, deal in real estate and insurance. Their offices are at 306 Ariel Building.

In 1902, Mr. Russell was married to Miss Dorothy M. MacIntosh, of Erie, who died in 1911. He was later married to Mrs. Gertrude O. Densmore, who died in 1921. Mr. Russell was later married to Miss Kathryn Langdon. He has no children.

Mr. Russell is a Democrat, a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, University Club, and the Real Estate Board of Erie. He is one of the substantial business men of Erie.

Otto E. Becker, one of the proprietors of the P. A. Becker Company, is a substantial citizen and a member of one of Erie's oldest and most prominent families. He was born in Erie, Jan. 5, 1865, and is a son of Philip A. and Eugena (Jung) Becker.

Philip A. Becker was born in Germany and came to the United States when he was 18 years of age. He located in Erie where he established the retail grocery business in 1852, now owned by his son. He died Jan. 12, 1888, at the age of 52 years, and is buried in Erie cemetery. Mr. Becker served as mayor of Erie for several years and was a highly respected citizen of his community. His wife, also a native of Germany came to this country with her parents when she was four years old and settled in Baltimore, Md. She died in 1896 at the age of 56 years. Mr. and Mrs. Becker had four children: Eugenia, died in 1876, at the age of 18 years; Emil A., born in January, 1861, died at the age of 50 years; Arman, died in infancy; and Otto E., the subject of this sketch.

Otto E. Becker received his education in the Erie schools and in 1884 engaged in business with his father and brother, Emil Becker, until the father's death in 1888. The brothers then became owners of the store until the time of Emil's demise, when his widow, Mrs. Becker, became a stockholder in the company. The business is now conducted under the name of P. A. Becker, and is located at 531 French Street and Mr. Becker deals in high grade products exclusively.

On March 3, 1903, Mr. Becker was united in marriage with Miss Salona A. Smith, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Smith, of Erie. Dr. Smith has been a leading physician of Erie for over 50 years and is widely known. His wife died in June, 1924. To Mr. and Mrs. Becker a son was

born, Philip Smith Becker. After attending the public and high schools of Erie, he was graduated from a preparatory school at Lawrenceville, N. J., and is now a junior at Princeton University.

In politics Mr. Becker is identified with the Democratic party. He is a member of the Mt. Olivet Commandery and the Zem Zem Shrine and belongs to the Erie Club. He is an enthusiastic golfer.

L. W. Guild, proprietor of the Keystone Toilet Supply Company, is an enterprising and successful business man of Erie. He was born in Springfield, Mass., and is a son of Dr. E. H. and L. M. (Maslen) Guild.

Dr. E. H. Guild, who now lives retired at Springfield, Mass., has for many years been a prominent physician of that section. He was educated at John Hopkins University and is now at the head of the Springfield Board of Health, in which he has been actively interested since the time of his retirement, 15 years ago. Dr. and Mrs. Guild have two children: Edgar M., who resides in Boston, Mass. and L. W., the subject of this sketch.

L. W. Guild spent his boyhood at Springfield, Mass., and is a graduate of New York University. After completing his schooling he traveled for several years representing the Victor Hack Saw Works of Springfield. He served two years during the World War with the Red Cross and afterward spent several years in Philadelphia. In April, 1921, he came to Erie, where he established the Keystone Toilet Supply Company. This has developed into the leading towel supply company of the city, and also does business within a radius of 50 miles of Erie. Mr. Guild furnishes coats and aprons as well as linens to his numerous customers.

Mr. Guild has a daughter, Helen, who resides in New York.

Mr. Guild is a member of the Episcopal Church and belongs to the Kiwanis Club and the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

John E. Zeiser is a reliable and substantial business man of Erie, where he is engaged in the grocery business at 7th and Peach avenue. He was born in New York, Oct. 16, 1870, and is the son of John and Barbara (Jerge) Zeiser.

John Zeiser was a native of Germany as was also his wife. He was a mason by trade and died in 1895 at the age of 54 years. His wife died in 1892. They were the parents of 11 children.

John E. Zeiser received his education in the schools at Fairview, Pa., and at the age of 15 years was employed as a clerk in a local grocery

store. In 1900 he purchased a store at 712 State Street, which he conducted until 1911 when he moved to his present location. Mr. Zeiser owns one of the finest grocery stores in Erie, and carries a high grade line of domestic and imported goods. About six men are employed in his store.

In 1891, Mr. Zeiser was united in marriage with Miss Barbara Heidt of Erie, now deceased. To this union one son was born, Lawrence Edward, who now owns a half interest in his father's business. Mr. Zeiser was later married to Miss Anna Sponer of St. Mary's Pa.

In politics Mr. Zeiser is identified with the Democratic party. He is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Elks lodge, as well as the Chamber of Commerce.

Franklin B. Hosbach is among the prominent young attorneys of Erie. He was born on a farm in McKean Township, Erie County, Oct. 27, 1891, and is the son of George C. and Mary C. (Bausch) Hosbach.

George C. Hosbach, deceased, was a native of Forest County, Pa. He settled in Erie County over 50 years ago and engaged in general farming in McKean Township until 1912, at which time he removed to Erie. There he became interested in the contracting and building business until his death, April 14, 1925. He is buried in Erie Cemetery. His wife, a native of McKean Township, lives with her son at 720 West 23rd Street, Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Hosbach two children were born: Bertha F., born Aug. 19, 1882, married Willis W. Williams; and Franklin B., the subject of this sketch.

Franklin B. Hosbach spent his boyhood on his father's farm and after his graduation from West Mill Creek High School he studied law at Valparaiso University. He has practiced law since 1915 and has offices in the Masonic Building.

On July 7, 1917, Mr. Hosbach was married to Miss Mildred E. Chifman, a native of Kankakee County, Ill., and a daughter of A. B. and Laura (Kelsey) Chifman, residents of Crown Point, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Hosbach have no children.

Mr. Hosbach is a Republican, a member of the Methodist church, and is identified with the Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Elks, Moose, Knights of Malta, Knights of Pythias, Erie Maennerchor, and the Erie County Bar Association. He is capable in his profession and is a citizen of high ideals.

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William Irwin Arbuckle is a well known and substantial business man of Erie and a member of one of the county's leading pioneer families. He was born in Mill Creek Township, May 26, 1871, and is a son of Richard H. and Julia Antoinette (Burton) Arbuckle.

Richard H. Arbuckle was born in Erie in 1835, a son of William Arbuckle, who was the son of Adam Arbuckle. William Arbuckle became a prominent politician of his time and served as a member of the school board for 25 years. He was a member of the city council during the railroad war. He was a carpenter by trade and among the many contracting jobs was that of the Erie County farm buildings. He died at the age of 91 years and is buried in Erie cemetery. His son, Richard H., the father of the subject of this sketch, now lives retired with his wife at 941 East 21st Street. He has been a prominent Democrat for many years and was the first commissioner of his party to be elected in Erie County. He also served as customs collector under President Grover Cleveland's administration. Mr. Arbuckle helped to organize the Erie County Milk Association and served as president for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Arbuckle, who have celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary, are the parents of the following children: Janette, married John C. Wolf, lives in Erie; John Burton, lives in Erie; Laura, died in infancy; Charlotte, died in 1915; William Irwin, the subject of this sketch; and Richard C., general agent for the Federal Bond & Mortgage Company of Detroit, lives in Erie.

William Irwin Arbuckle was educated in the district schools of Mill Creek Township, and also attended Erie Academy. At an early age he became interested in the mercantile business and was employed by a local wholesale house for ten years, and later he was with another wholesale house for five years. In 1903 he engaged in his present business on Peach Street. In 1923 he removed to his present location at 144 West 13th Street. Mr. Arbuckle deals in household goods and furnishings and has an extensive wholesale trade throughout northwestern Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, and western New York.

On Sept. 28, 1893, Mr. Arbuckle was married to Miss Leonora Clemens, the daughter of Fred and Eva (Barnard) Clemens. Mr. Clemens lives retired in Erie. His wife is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Arbuckle the following children have been born: William Humphrey, vice-president and general manager of his father's business, married Esther Cardot, and they have one son, William Irwin; Priscilla, a graduate of Ward-Belmont

school, married Paul N. Berner, lives in Buffalo, N. Y., where he represents the Federal Bond & Mortgage Company of Detroit; and Antoinette Burton, a student at Smith College.

Mr. Arbuckle is identified with the Republican party in politics and he belongs to the Masonic lodge. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of the city.

W. B. Pohle is a progressive and enterprising merchant of Erie. He was born at St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 13, 1900, and is the son of Christopher J. and Mary H. (Fraser) Pohle.

Christopher J. Pohle was born in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1860. For many years he was interested in the sugar refining business in Ontario, Canada, and later in Buffalo. After retiring from that business he engaged in the grocery business at St. Joseph Mo., where he remained 20 years. In 1906 he removed his family to Erie where he conducted a grocery store at 1921 Myrtle Street until the time of his death, in 1923. His wife, who was born in Canada, resides at Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Pohle had two children: W. D., the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Mary Lyle, who lives in Erie.

After completing his schooling, W. B. Pohle engaged in the grocery business with his father. He now owns and operates the business established by his father and has an extensive trade.

Mr. Pohle is a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Simpson Church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge. He is unmarried.

Louis Phillips, president of American State Bank, is one of Erie's enterprising and successful business men. He was born in Italy, June 18, 1865, and is a son of Gesualdo and Philomena (Guisti) Phillips.

Gesualdo Phillips was born in Italy in 1826, and died there in 1911. His wife was born in 1844 and died in 1903. They were the parents of the following children: Louis, the subject of this sketch; Alameno, deceased; Fulvia, deceased; Fortunato, lives in Cleveland; Fuldio, deceased; Crolinda, lives in Erie and three children died in infancy.

Louis Phillips was reared and educated in his native land and came to this country in 1890. He worked at his trade of carpenter for four years and then opened a small fruit stand on West 12th Street. In 1895 he established an office on West 16th Street, where he dealt in the remittance of steamship and foreign money orders. He also maintained a fruit store and became one of the leading wholesale fruit dealers of the

city. The business which is now owned by his son is located at 16th and State streets.

The bank was organized by Mr. Phillips as a private bank in 1921, and on March 10, 1924, was incorporated as American State Bank. The officers are as follows: Louis Phillips, president; Angelo Phillips, vice-president; Jennie Phillips, cashier; and Joseph Phillips, secretary. The directors are: Louis, Joseph, Angelo, Mary and Elizabeth Phillips.

On Jan. 13, 1894, Mr. Phillips was married to Miss Eliza Casciani, a native of Italy, born Aug. 28, 1867. To this union the following children were born: John, a general contractor, lives at Erie, married Nardina Petrucella, and they have two children, Elizabeth and Mary; Mary, at home; Joseph, engaged in the fruit business at Erie; Jennie, cashier in her father's bank; Angelo, general manager and part owner of the fruit business, married Amelia Bevilacqua, and they have one son, Robert; Gemma, Marreno, and Albert, all students, and three children died in infancy.

Mr. Phillips is a Republican and has been a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church since 1892. He belongs to the Sons of Italy and the Italian National Club. Mr. Phillips is an energetic man who stands well in the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

William T. McFayden, prominent druggist of Erie, is among the enterprising and successful business men of the county. He was born at Waterford, Pa., Oct. 23, 1857, and is the son of Alexander and Emmeline (Woodford) McFayden.

Alexander McFayden came to this country from Scotland with his parents in 1832. He was the son of Neil McFayden who became a prosperous farmer. Alexander McFayden was engaged in farming on the home place. He died in 1888 at the age of 71 years and his wife, who was born in Connecticut, died at the age of 54 years. Her parents settled in Erie County in 1814. Her grand-father, Capt. Case, served during the Revolution and her father, Rufus Woodford, fought in the War of 1812. To Alexander and Emmeline (Woodford) McFayden the following children were born: Mrs. Isabel Thomas, lives on the old homestead; William T., the subject of this sketch; Alexander, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; Elizabeth, married Leon Sherwood, lives in Waterford Township; Finley, lives retired in Erie; and John.

William T. McFayden received his education in the district school at Sharp's Corner and later attended Waterford Academy and Edinboro Nor-

mal School. In early life he engaged in farming and at the age of 27 years came to Erie where he engaged in the drug business. In 1912 he moved to his present location at 461 West 8th Street. Mr. McFayden is one of the leading pharmacists of the city and has an attractive place of business. His residence is located at 1314 West 9th Street.

On Feb. 18, 1893, Mr. McFayden was married to Miss Mabel Phillip, of Toronto, Canada, the daughter of Samuel P. Phillip. Mr. and Mrs. McFayden have one daughter, Mrs. Reva Baptist. She resides in Erie.

Mr. McFayden is a member of the Elks lodge. He and his family are widely known throughout the county and have many friends. Mrs. McFayden is a member of Kingsley Methodist Church.

Henry M. Keppel, deceased, was one of the best known and most successful business men of Erie County. He was one of the organizers and at the time of his death president of the National Bank of Corry. Mr. Keppel was born in Herschbarre, Germany, Nov. 13, 1837, the son of Charles and Fredricka (Vogel) Keppel.

Charles Keppel emigrated to this country with his family in 1853 and settled near Buffalo, N. Y., where he operated a farm and also was employed by the United States government in the postal service. Mr. and Mrs. Keppel, deceased, are buried in Cattaraugus County, N. Y. They had six children, as follows: Henry M., the subject of this sketch; Charles, lives at Fair Plains, N. Y.; Ernest, lives at Corry; John, deceased; Mary, married Joe Herdick, lives at Gowanda, N. Y.; and Elizabeth, married Charles Rider, lives at South Dayton, N. Y.

Henry M. Keppel was educated in Germany and was 16 years of age when his parents came to this country. Soon after locating in Buffalo he learned the blacksmith's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. Then taking a partner he conducted a shop in that city for five years, after which he had a shop in Titusville, Pa. He was also interested in oil refineries. Turning his attention to agricultural pursuits in 1867, Mr. Keppel purchased a tract of land in Columbus Township, Warren County, and there took up his residence. While clearing the land he became interested in the manufacture of lumber and soon had a saw mill in full operation, being very successful in his new industry. In 1893 with J. B. Moore he purchased pine lands in northern Wisconsin, erecting a large mill, which they operated until 1903. In 1898 they became owners of heavily timbered land in Randolph County, W. Va., and subsequently

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having added to their original tract by purchase of more timber, they put in a double band saw mill with a capacity of 100,000 feet a day, and proceeded to build up a town and establish a business. They built a spur railway track extending into their land 15 miles, erected 33 homes, and had granted to the new colony a postoffice, which was called Ellamore. Mr. Keppel removed with his family to Corry in 1898 where he became identified with the leading industries of the place. He was one of the organizers of the Corry Metal Products Company and was president for some time. He was connected with many other important industrial concerns of the city of Corry and did a great deal to promote commercial enterprises here. He was also a director of the Corry Electric Light Company for many years. Mr. Keppel died Nov. 11, 1924, and is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Corry.

In 1893 Mr. Keppel was married to Miss Martha C. Miller, a native of Webster, N. Y., and a daughter of John F. and Laura (Aistrich) Miller, natives of Germany, now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Keppel two children were born: Henry Harrison and Marie, mention of whom is made below.

H. Harrison Keppel was born at Torpedo, Pa., Oct. 5, 1893, and was educated in the public schools of Corry and Chamberlain Military Institute, Randolph, N. Y. He is vice president of the National Bank of Corry and treasurer of the Corry Jamestown Manufacturing Corporation. He is a member of the Blue Lodge Masons, Corry; Columbus Chapter, Corry; Commandery K. T., Corry; Shrine, Zem Zem, Erie; Erie Consistory; and the Elks Lodge, Corry, of which he is Past Exalted Ruler. Mr. Keppel was married to Miss Edna Moore, of Ridgeway, Pa., and they have two children, Henry Martin and Barbara Anna.

Marie Keppel Hawkins was born at Torpedo, Pa., June 9, 1895. After her graduation from the Corry High School in 1915 she was graduated from LaSalle Seminary, Auburndale, Mass. She was married to Edward E. Hawkins of Corry and they have a daughter, Martha Marie, born April 6, 1919. Mr. Hawkins is the son of William Henry and Nancy (Rutley) Hawkins, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Hawkins had five children: Edward E., William Henry, Elizabeth, who married Guy Rogers; Earl, deceased; and Nellie, deceased. Edward E. Hawkins was educated in the public schools of Chicago and Corry and is a graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh.

Mr. Keppel was a staunch Republican and in 1908 was alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago. Both he and his

wife were members of the Lutheran Church at Corry and through their efforts one of the finest churches in the city was erected several years ago. Mrs. Keppel is still an ardent worker in the church. He was an energetic man who stood well in the esteem of his many friends and acquaintances.

F. J. Brandt is a substantial citizen and enterprising merchant of Erie. He was born there Oct. 27, 1887, and is the son of Julius and Anna (Persick) Brandt.

Julius Brandt was a native of Germany. When a young man he came to this country and located on a farm just outside Erie, where he died in 1901. His wife died the same year and they are buried in Lakeside cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Brandt had ten children, four of whom are now living.

After attending the public schools of Erie, F. J. Brandt learned the stone cutter's trade and later became a boilermaker. In 1910 he engaged in his present business as grocer. Four years later he purchased a half interest in the business and finally became sole owner. Mr. Brandt's business is located at 1358 Buffalo Road, and is among the up to date grocery stores of the community. Delivery service by truck is maintained.

On Sept. 1, 1911, Mr. Brandt was married to Miss Alma Delilah Fuhrmann, of Erie County, the daughter of Charles and Catherine (Serr) Fuhrmann. Mr. Fuhrmann died Sept. 28, 1924, and is buried in Erie cemetery. His wife resides on the old homestead. To Mr. and Mrs. Brandt have been born two children: Vernon Frederick, born Aug. 10, 1912 and Russell Fuhrmann, born April 2, 1914.

Politically Mr. Brandt is a Republican. He is a member of the Unitarian church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is known in his community as an upright and reliable citizen.

William F. Weber, retired, ranks among the prominent and substantial citizens of Erie. He was born in Erie County, May 15, 1857, and is a son of Francis Anton and Mary (Spath) Weber.

Francis Anton Weber was a native of Germany and came to this country when he was 20 years of age. He was married in Buffalo, N. Y., and was for a number of years engaged at the blacksmith trade until his health failed. He then owned a grocery business until the time of his death in 1864. He was buried on the present site of St. Vincent's Hos-

pital and the body was later removed to Trinity cemetery, Erie. Mr. Weber's wife who was also a native of Germany, is deceased. They were the parents of a large family and the following children grew to maturity: Francis A., deceased; F. J., deceased; Henry C., deceased; Mrs. Adolph Brooker, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Mary Ann, married Charles Beck, lives in Erie; William F., the subject of this sketch; and A. S., a carpenter contractor, lives in Erie.

William F. Weber grew up in Erie and after receiving his education was employed by his brother, F. J., who was a well known photographer of Erie. When he was 21 years old Mr. Weber purchased his brother's interest in the business, which is located at 351 East 9th Street, and now conducted by his son, H. J. Weber. Mr. Weber has been considered the leading photographer of the city for many years and is an artist in his work. He also has an interest in the Erie Picture and Framing Company.

On April 29, 1878, Mr. Weber was united in marriage with Miss Helen Rectenwald, of Erie, and to this union 11 children were born, as follows: Minnie Mayer, lives in Buffalo, N. Y.; Rudolph, deceased; Alice, deceased; Clarence, engaged in plastic art work at 20 East 18th Street, Erie; Wilbert, lives at Wesleyville, Pa.; H. J., who operates the studio; L. J., a printer, lives in Erie; Leonora Weiderle, lives in Erie; Rosemary, at home; Margaret, deceased; and one child died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Weber is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and is vice-president and director of the Parade Street Market House. He owns a property at 1023 State Street and his residence is at 355 East 9th Street and the photograph studio adjoining the residence. He is a reliable citizen of the community.

Otto Schmidt, deceased, was a well known merchant of Erie for many years. He was born in Germany and came to this country at the age of 30 years.

In 1888 Mr. Schmidt engaged in the bakery business at 8th and Parade streets, which has developed into one of the largest general bakeries in the city. He died in 1906 and is buried in Trinity cemetery.

In 1885 Mr. Schmidt was married to Miss Elizabeth Mentz, a native of Erie, born Dec. 19, 1867, and the daughter of Louis and Christina (Guild) Mentz.

Louis Mentz came to this country from Germany when he was a young man. He was a pattern maker by trade and was one of the oldest employees of the Jarecki Manufacturing Company. He died at the age of

70 years, and his wife is also deceased. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, the subject of this sketch; Adolph, lives in Cleveland; William, lives in Cleveland; and Mrs. Ida Ohmer, lives at 1152 Brown Avenue, Erie. Her son, Louis Ohmer, is employed by Mrs. Schmidt as head baker. It was largely through his knowledge and interest in the business that Mrs. Schmidt was able to carry on the business after her husband's death. To Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt two children were born, Otto and Helen, both of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Schmidt was a Republican and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was a progressive citizen who merited the esteem in which he was held by his fellow citizens.

Arthur Warren Mitchell. Among the men of Erie who have taken leading positions in the legal profession of Pennsylvania is Arthur Warren Mitchell. He was born at Bradford, Pa., Dec. 2, 1878, and is the son of George Warren and Stella (Southwick) Mitchell.

The Mitchell family came from Londonderry, Ireland, in 1735 and were of English and Scotch descent. They settled in Vermont and later came to the Western Reserve in 1810. They drove west by ox team as far as Lorain, Ohio, but returned as far east as Westfield, N. Y., and settled in Chautauqua County at Busti, where George Warren Mitchell was born. He is a highly esteemed member of his community and at one time was prominent in politics, having served as sheriff, registrer and recorder prothonotary and clerk of courts of McKean County, Pa.

The Southwick family emigrated to America in 1635 and settled in Massachusetts. Lawrence and Cassandra Southwick were the founders of the family from England and Arthur Warren, subject of this sketch, is the eleventh generation in this country. This family also migrated to New York and settled in Cattaraugus County.

Harmon G. Mitchell, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a leading citizen of Chautauqua County, N. Y., and held public offices, including that of side judge.

Arthur Warren Mitchell lived at Bradford, Pa., until he reached the age of 15 years, when his family removed to Smethport, Pa. He attended DeVeaux School, Niagara Falls, N. Y., Pennsylvania State College, and Dickinson Law School, Carlisle, Pa., and was graduated from the latter institution in 1901 with the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar in 1901, and until 1907 was associated with the legal department of the

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Standard Oil Company in West Virginia. Since 1908 he has been successfully engaged in the practice of law in Erie with offices in the Marine Bank Building. Mr. Mitchell served in the General Assembly of Pennsylvania during the session of 1913 from the West Side District. Mr. Mitchell has served as president of the Erie County Bar Association. He has given special attention to corporation and orphan's court practice. He is also interested in a number of industrial enterprises in Erie and has taken an active part in their formation. In 1921 he was elected delegate to the constitutional convention. He is a director of the Marine National Bank of Erie, a director of the Community Savings & Loan Company, a member of the Board of Trustees of Pennsylvania State College, and treasurer of the Erie Bolt & Nut Company, of which he was an organizer.

Mr. Mitchell was married first to Miss Helen Forrest of Smethport, Pa. She died Feb. 19, 1918, leaving two sons: John Forrest, born March 2, 1905, a student at Yale University; and George Warren, born Oct. 15, 1912. Mr. Mitchell was married June 17, 1921, to Miss Josephine English, a sister of C. H. English, of Erie, a sketch of whom appears in this work.

Mr. Mitchell is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and is a member of the Chapter or Vestry, and is a member of Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

Cordello Herrick is a well known business man and leading citizen of Erie, where he represents the New York Life Insurance Company as agency director of the Erie branch office. He was born in Toddsville, N. Y., May 4, 1866, and is a son of William Henry and Ada (Flansburg) Herrick.

William Henry Herrick, retired, is a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Otsego County, N. Y., in 1845. His wife died in 1882. They were the parents of the following children: Cordello, the subject of this sketch; Ida, died in infancy; George, died at the age of eight years; William, died at the age of 16 years; Arthur, died at the age of 28 years; Frank C., lives at Mendon, N. Y.; Fred, lives at Syracuse, N. Y.; Rev. A. E., lives at Emporium, Pa.; and Asa, lives at Rochester, N. Y.

When Cordello Herrick was two years of age his parents removed to Auburn, N. Y., where he was reared and educated. He learned the machinist's trade but after several years he began the study of theology.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Conference for 23 years, 14 years of which were spent as chaplain of the State prison at Auburn, N. Y. In May, 1911, Mr. Herrick resigned and immediately came to Erie, where he took the position of agency director of the Erie branch office of the New York Life Insurance Company. He has been most successful in his undertaking and employs a force of 53 people. Mr. Herrick's territory covers ten of the northwestern counties of Pennsylvania. His offices are located at 415-16-17 Commerce Building.

In 1886 Mr. Herrick was united in marriage with Miss Emily E. Taylor, of Newark, N. Y., and to this union two children were born: Mrs. Herbert E. Yury, a graduate of Syracuse University, lives at Tampa, Florida, and has two children, Virginia E., and Lester; and Frank C., a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, married Helen Stephens of Nicholson, Pa., and they have one child, Martha.

On Aug. 19, 1913, Mr. Herrick was married to Miss Grace E. Copp, of Auburn, N. Y.

In politics Mr. Herrick is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Perry Masonic lodge, the Consistory and Zem Zem Shrine. He is a Past Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. During the World War he took an active interest and served as chairman of Local Draft Board No. 1. Mr. Herrick is an energetic and capable business man and an excellent citizen of Erie.

M. B. Collins, a prominent citizen of Erie, who is president of the United States Laundry Company, is a native of New York. He was born at Buffalo, June 7, 1876, and is a son of Patrick and Ellen (Riley) Collins.

Patrick Collins was born in Ireland in 1829 and came to this country in 1864, locating in Buffalo, where he engaged in the contracting business. He died in 1894 and his wife, who was born in Ireland in 1834, died in 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Collins were the parents of the following children: Lillian, deceased; Mrs. Mary Turnbull, lives in Buffalo, N. Y.; M. B., the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Katherine Shea, lives in Buffalo.

M. B. Collins grew up in Buffalo and attended the schools there. At the age of 16 years he entered the employ of the General Hospital at Buffalo, where he remained ten years. He then was connected with the Genessee Hotel there as a stationary enginer, and after four years was appointed superintendent of the laundry department. Later he came to

Erie where he installed the laundry in the Reed House for J. S. Rowe, at that time manager of the hotel. Mr. Collins then became associated with the American Laundry Company of Erie, and after three years went to Sharon, Pa. In January, 1908, he returned to Erie, and organized the United States Laundry Company, with the following officers: M. B. Collins, president; D. J. Tollan, vice-president; W. J. Patterson, secretary; and J. F. Zink, treasurer. E. J. Shey later purchased Mr. Tollan's interest in the business, becoming manager and treasurer, and J. F. Simon purchased Mr. Patterson's interest. Messrs. Shey and Collins are now owners of the laundry business, which is among the leading business enterprises of Erie.

In 1903 Mr. Collins was married to Miss Mayme Wild, of Buffalo, N. Y. They have no children.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and stand high in the community.

W. H. Eckerd, proprietor of the Eckerd Drug Stores, Inc., is among the prominent and successful young business men of this section. He was born at Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 22, 1893, and is the son of J. M. and Ida K. (Kennedy) Eckerd.

J. M. Eckerd, retired, was born at Mechanicsburg, Pa., in 1870. For a number of years he was interested in the mercantile business and later became prominent in the drug business. In 1898 he opened his first drug store at 1105 State Street, which he operated for 21 years. In 1916 Mr. Eckerd sold his local interests to his sons, and removed to Wilmington, Del., where he established another chain store. Although living retired, Mr. Eckerd still owns drug stores at Wilmington, Del., Jamestown, N. Y., Charlotte, N. C., and Asheville, N. C. He lives in Philadelphia. His wife died at the age of 35 years at Mechanicsburg, Pa., and in 1924 her remains were removed to Philadelphia. There were four children in the Eckerd family as follows: K. M., who is engaged in business with his brother; Mrs. Hazel R. Hill, lives at Wilmington, Del.; W. H., the subject of this sketch; and Sarah E., a twin sister of W. H., lives at Charlotte, N. C.

W. H. Eckerd attended the public and high schools of Erie, and was also a student at the University of Philadelphia. Since 1916 he and his brother have engaged in the drug business at Erie and now own stores at 1105 State Street, and 710 State Street. During the past four years

they have established branch stores at Oil City, Pa., Zanesville, Ohio, and New Castle, Pa.

Mr. Eckerd was married to Miss Biana E. Edkin, of Erie, a daughter of Bert C. and Anne (Askin) Edkin, who now reside in Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Eckerd has been born one child, Sally Ann, born in 1921.

Mr. Eckerd is affiliated with the Masonic lodge, and is a member of the Shrine. He is an energetic and enterprising citizen and widely known.

J. A. Zurn, president of the J. A. Zurn Manufacturing Company, is among Erie's most enterprising and successful business men. He was born in this city, Dec. 8, 1875, and is the son of John and Rose Zurn, both of whom are deceased.

John Zurn was a highly esteemed citizen of Erie, where he engaged in business for many years as a painting contractor. He died in 1908 and his wife died in 1924.

J. A. Zurn received his education in the public schools of Erie and when a young man was associated in business with his father. He served as foreman for the Erie City Iron Works for 10 years and in 1905 organized the J. A. Zurn Manufacturing Company, leading manufacturers of plumber's supplies. The business was founded as the Advance Manufacturing Company and during the World War did a considerable amount of war work for the government, and were cited for their honesty and efficiency. Mr. Zurn also has other extensive business interests and is president and principal stockholder of the Lake Erie Foundry Company at Girard, Pa., president and principal stockholder of the Keystone Brass Works, and vice president of the Girard (Pa.) Model Works.

On April 12, 1900, Mr. Zurn was united in marriage with Miss Clara Ackerman, of Erie, and the daughter of Jacob and Margaret Ackerman, both deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Zurn have been born three children: Melvin A., born Jan. 10, 1901, general manager of the J. A. Zurn Manufacturing Company, is a graduate of Kent Military Institute; Arloween M., born July 17, 1905, a graduate of Erie High School, now a student at Oberlin College; and Everett F., born March 31, 1908, a student at Erie High School.

Mr. Zurn was elected school director of the city of Erie in 1923 for a term of six years. He is a director of Central Bank & Trust Company of Erie, director of the Y. M. C. A., and a director of the City Mission. Mr. Zurn has held membership in the Baptist church during his entire

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life and is an active church worker. He has been organist of the Central Baptist Church for 35 years and has also served as Sunday School superintendent, and deacon. Mr. Zurn is a Republican and an excellent citizen of Erie, where he has spent his entire life.

William J. Magay, manufacturing optician, is one of the well known and successful business men of Erie. He was born at Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 28, 1882, and is the son of Andrew B. and Rebecca (Logan) Magay.

Andrew B. Magay was born in the Province of Ulster, Ireland, in 1848. After coming to this country he located at Cambridge, Mass., where he worked at his trade as a furniture upholsterer. He was killed in a street car accident in 1895, and his wife, who was born in 1857, resides at Worcester, Mass. To Mr. and Mrs. Magay four children were born as follows: William J., the subject of this sketch; James, an optician, resides at Worcester, Mass.; and Robert and Alexander, both deceased.

William J. Magay received his education in the public schools of Cambridge, Mass., and at the age of 18 years went to Boston, where he was engaged in optical work for six years. He then spent five years in Providence, R. I., and in 1911 came to Erie. Mr. Magay is located at 928 Peach Street, and operates one of the leading optical houses in the city.

On May 20, 1908, Mr. Magay was united in marriage with Miss Mabel H. Dennen, of Cambridge, Mass., the daughter of Arthur P. and Annie (Tucker) Dennen, residents of Watertown, Mass. To Mr. and Mrs. Magay have been born two children, Edith Hammond, born in 1909, and Donald, born in 1912.

Mr. Magay is a Republican, a member of the First Baptist Church, and belongs to the Masonic and Elks lodges. He is also a member of the Consistory and Shrine.

W. S. Myers, owner and proprietor of the Imperial Laundry, is among the leading business men of Erie. He was born at Woodcock, Pa., July 17, 1868, and is the son of John G. and Emmeline (Kelley) Myers.

John G. Myers was born in Philadelphia. He engaged in dairy farming during his life and met with success. He died in November, 1896, at the age of 71 years and is buried at Warren, Ohio. His wife died in May, 1910. They were the parents of the following children: Eva and Ida, both died in infancy; Edgar E., died Dec. 3, 1923, at the age of 68 years; J. D., engaged in the laundry business at Warren Ohio; F. A.,

lives retired at St. Petersburg, Fla.; Lavina Baker, lives at Aurora, Ill.; Henrietta Bodamer, lives at Warren, Ohio; and W. S., the subject of this sketch.

W. S. Myers received his education in the schools of Townville, Pa. When he was 21 years of age he engaged in the laundry business at Ashtabula, Ohio, with his brothers, F. A. and J. D. The following year he went to Jamestown, N. Y., and from there removed to Erie where he entered the employ of the Park View Laundry. He later went to Warren, Ohio, and again to Jamestown, N. Y., where he conducted a laundry business four years. Mr. Myers spent several years at Olean, N. Y., and for the past 18 years has conducted the Imperial Laundry at Erie, which is located at 21st and State Streets. He operates three trucks and employs about 27 people in his business. The Imperial Laundry renders high class service at reasonable prices.

On May 20, 1896, Mr. Myers was married to Miss Gertrude Carpenter of Erie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. Myers have no children.

Mr. Myers is a Republican, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Florence M. Dawley, who is secretary and treasurer of the Perry Specialty Company, ranks among the prominent young business women of Erie. She was born at North East, Pa., Sept. 11, 1891, and is the daughter of A. J. and Susan (Perry) Dawley.

A. J. Dawley was born at North East in 1867 and now resides at St. Louis, Mo., where he is connected with the Sewell Oil Company. During his early life in North East he engaged in the livery business. His wife is a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y., born in 1870. She is a grand niece of Oliver Hazard Perry. To Mr. and Mrs. Dawley four children were born as follows: Florence M., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. John Bannister, resides in Erie, was a teacher before her marriage; Perry A., a World War veteran, lives at San Jose, Cal.; and Marjorie G., lives in Erie.

Florence M. Dawley received her education at North East, and after leaving school commenced her business career with the Fisk Rubber Company. She was later connected with the Miller Rubber Company, and since 1923 has served as secretary and treasurer of the Perry Specialty Company, which has been an outgrowth of the Miller Rubber Company.

Politically Miss Dawley is a Republican. She is a member of the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Zonta Club of which

she is president, having been elected Jan. 2, 1925, and is a member of the Y. W. C. A. The Dawley family is well known and highly respected in Erie County.

Charles A. Kimmel, proprietor of one of Erie's pioneer business houses, is a substantial and widely known business man. He was born in Michigan, Jan. 5, 1879, and is the son of J. A. and Emma (Hummel) Kimmel.

J. A. Kimmel, retired, was born at Fairview, Pa., in 1845. For a number of years he followed general farming and stock raising in Michigan, and in 1886 came to Erie, where he engaged in the livery business. Several years later he engaged in the shoe business at 1625 Sassafras Street, which was established in 1871 by his father. Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel have three children: Charles A., the subject of this sketch; Luella Mannig, lives in New York city; and Rollo, lives at Ashland, Ky.

Charles A. Kimmel received his education in the Erie schools, and when a young boy was employed in his grandfather's shoe store, and later by his father. Since 1900 he has had charge of the business, which has become one of Erie's leading shoe stores.

On April 26, 1906, Mr. Kimmel was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Lytle, the daughter of Fleet and Laura (Durst) Lytle, residents of Erie. Mr. Durst, retired, was employed by the Pennsylvania railroad for many years. To Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel three children have been born: Elsworth and Edwin, twins, born April 5, 1907, and Barbara, born in 1909.

Mr. Kimmel and his family hold membership in the Lutheran Memorial Church, and the Kimmel family has always been representative of the best citizenship of Erie County.

E. H. Suerken, who is widely known in Erie as an enterprising and successful business man, was born here, April 24, 1876, and is a son of John B. and Elizabeth (Kolb) Suerken.

John B. Suerken was born in Germany and came to this country many years ago. He was a well known merchant of Erie where he was engaged in the jewelry business for 25 years. He died when E. H., the subject of this sketch, was but nine months of age. His wife was born in Erie and died in 1918 at the age of 76 years. They were the parents of six children, all of whom are deceased, except E. H.

E. H. Suerken was reared and educated in Erie and in early life was a prominent musician. For several years he owned a bicycle shop and

was the agent for the Oldsmobile gas and steam automobiles, at 13th and State streets, and later engaged in the theatrical business, building some of Erie's earliest amusement centers. In 1916 Mr. Suerken became interested in the grain business and is now one of the leading grain brokers of the city with offices at 619 Marine Bank Building.

Mr. Suerken was united in marriage with Miss Ruth Crouch of Erie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Crouch. Mr. Crouch is deceased and his widow resides in Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Suerken two children have been born: Maxwell, born in 1907, and Nancy, born in 1913.

Mr. Suerken is a Republican, attends the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge. He is an energetic and industrious man, highly esteemed throughout the community.

Robert J. Firman was born in the Township of Harborcreek, Erie County, Pa., May 30, 1880, and is the son of James and Maria (Glenn) Firman who, for many years, were prominent and respected citizens of Harborcreek Township.

His early education was gained in the public schools of Harborcreek Township, afterwards graduating from the State Normal School at Edinboro, Pa., and later from the Law Department of the University of Michigan. After gaduating fom the Normal School he taught in the public schools of Harborcreek Township for two years. Not content with teaching as a vocation he determined to prepare himself for the law. In the fall of 1903 he entered the Law School of the University of Michigan, and pursued the studies of his chosen vocation, graduating from that institution in June of 1906. In June of 1908 he was admitted to the general practice of law in the several courts of Erie County, Pa., and has since been admitted to the several appellate courts of the State and United States.

In December, 1906, he married Mary Camp Allen of Harborcreek, only child of W. H. and Lovisa (Elliott) Allen, and to the issue of this marriage are two children: W. Allen, born Oct. 28, 1910, and Robert J., Jr., born Oct. 30, 1912.

In politics Mr. Firman is a Republican and as a Republican has served his party two terms as its chairman; his government as Deputy United States Marshal; his county as district attorney.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek of which institution he is a member of the board of trustees. He is a thirty-second

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degree Mason, and a member and officer of Zem Zem Temple; he is also a member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce; Erie Lodge No. 67, Order of Elks; Lake Shore Lodge of Odd Fellows, and other fraternal organizations. Socially he is a member of the Erie Club, the Shriner's Club, the Erie Yacht Club, the Erie Maennerchor, and the North East Golf Club.

He is an able and successful lawyer, and enjoys a varied and lucrative practice.

Where he resides at the Village of Harborcreek he has extensive land holdings, large acreages of which are now under cultivation in grapes; the land itself being very valuable because of its location near the City of Erie, and being suitable for subdividing in building sites.

Mrs. Katherine W. Bauman is a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Erie. She is a native of Erie County and the daughter of Michael W. and Henrietta (Able) Willrich.

Michael W. Willrich, deceased, was a member of a prominent pioneer family of Erie County. He and his wife are now deceased. They were the parents of four children: Jacob, Elizabeth, Katherine, the subject of this sketch, and John, all residents of Erie.

Katherine W. Willrich was reared and educated in Erie and was married to Louis J. Bauman, also a native of Erie, and a son of Gustave and Magdalene (Haas) Bauman.

Louis J. Bauman owned and operated the first rug cleaning plant in Erie, having engaged in the business with his father. Their first location was at 644 East 5th Street, and in 1898 he removed to 138 West 4th Street, the present location. Mr. Bauman installed the first compressed air rug and carpet cleaner in Erie and successfully conducted the business until the time of his death, Nov. 7, 1910. He is buried in Erie cemetery. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Bauman has continued in charge of the business, and is now assisted by her two sons, Morrill A., and Allan J. The business is known as Bauman Association General Cleaners.

To Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Bauman five children were born, as follows: Mrs. Elsie A. Strick, lives in Erie; Mrs. Lucille Peckham, lives in Erie, and they have one son, Paul Edward; Morrill A.; Allan J.; and Louis F., a high school student.

Mrs. Bauman and her family are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and rank among the ambitious and progressive citizens of the community.

Bernard M. Deck, a substantial citizen of Erie, engaged in the grocery business at 621 West 26th Street, is a native of Erie. He was born July 24, 1876, and is the son of Conrad and Mary (Hoffman) Deck.

Conrad Deck, who now lives retired, was for many years a leading cigar manufacturer of Erie. He was born in Germany, Feb. 6, 1837, the son of John and Margaret (Welsh) Deck. In 1861 he came to this country and located in Erie, going to work for George Bartles, where he remained for one year. He then worked 18 months for C. M. Conrad, when he bought him out and conducted the factory on 5th Street. Later he operated on French Street and Park Row. For the past ten years Mr. Deck has lived retired. He resides at 214 East 4th Street. He was married in 1863 to Miss Anna M. Hoffman, the daughter of Nicholas Hoffman, of Erie, and to this union the following children were born: Mrs. Margaret Reemer, lives in Erie; John, lives in California; Conrad, Jr., lives in Erie; Adam, Peter, Mrs. Anna Koon, and Mrs. Catherine Gehrleim, all live in Erie; Amanda, treasurer of the Underwood Typewriter Company in Erie; Edith, a teacher, lives in Erie; P. W., a sketch of whom appears in this history; and Bernard M., the subject of this sketch.

Bernard M. Deck received his education in the Erie schools and when a young boy learned the cigar making trade in his father's factory. He engaged in this business until 1914, at which time he entered the grocery business at his present location. Mr. Deck carries a fine line of groceries and meats, and also has a soda fountain and cigar business in connection. He has an extensive trade.

In June, 1902, Mr. Deck was united in marriage with Miss Frances Mary Eichenlaub, a native of Erie, and the daughter of Joseph B. and Elizabeth (Haas) Eichenlaub, residents of Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Deck had three children, all of whom are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Deck are members of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and he belongs to the Elks lodge.

Mrs. Alma B. Totman is a well known and highly esteemed business woman of Erie. She is the proprietor of the Totman Auto & Carriage Works at 1215-17 French Street. She was born in Melbourne, Australia, the daughter of Thomas and Sarah (McCruddon) Smith.

Thomas Smith traveled throughout the world as a silk broker. He was born in England in 1853, and died at Melbourne, Australia, in 1918. His wife, a native of Australia, died in 1914 at the age of 45 years. Mr. and

Mrs. Smith had two children, Alma B., the subject of this sketch; and Clement M., who lives in Australia.

Alma B. Smith spent her early life traveling with her parents and was educated in Europe. At the age of 19 years she was married to J. R. Totman of Erie, the son of H. M. Totman.

H. M. Totman was born in Connecticut and came to Meadville, Pa., and in 1892 established the Totman Carriage Works at Erie, Pa., which was later conducted by his son. He died in 1917 and is buried in Lakeside cemetery, Erie. J. R. Totman was born at Meadville, Pa., and was educated in the public and high schools of Erie.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Totman two children were born: James R., born July 19, 1909; and Thelma V., born October 14, 1914.

Mrs. Totman and her family are members of the Episcopal Church.

Horace J. O. Younghans, a prominent and successful business man of Erie, engaged in the insurance business at 1101 State Street, was born at Conneaut, Ohio, March 11, 1869. He is the son of John A. and Laura (Greene) Younghans.

The Younghans family is among the well known pioneer families of this section. John A. Younghans was a native of Erfurt, Saxony, Germany, born in 1844. When he was six years of age his parents came to this country and located in Erie, where he engaged in the shoe business. He served throughout the Civil War, having enlisted in the navy. About 1897 he became associated with the Holland Manufacturing Company of Erie, Pa., as a stockholder and traveling salesman. During the latter part of his life he was a traveling salesman and represented the American Beauty Stove Company. He served on the Erie City Council for two terms. He died November 13, 1921, and his wife, who was a native of Pennsylvania, died July 8, 1911, at the age of 60 years. Mr. and Mrs. Younghans are buried in Erie cemetery. They were the parents of three children: Horace J. O., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Gertrude J. Pilgram, lives in Erie; and Laura, married Edward Clark, a native of London, England, both deceased.

Horace J. O. Younghans attended the public schools of Conneaut and was also educated in Tennessee. In 1880 he located in Erie with his parents where he was employed in a shoe factory and later he became a machinist. In May, 1900, he began writing insurance for the Prudential Life Insurance Company. He has been located at his present address since

March 23, 1923. He specializes in casualty insurance and to some extent deals in real estate.

In 1895 Mr. Younghans was united in marriage with Miss Philomena Roth of Erie. To this union a daughter was born, Dorothy L., a musician.

Mr. Younghans is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Maccabees. He is a public spirited citizen and holds the high regard of all who know him.

Timothy Jay Mahoney is among the representative young attorneys of Erie, where he is a member of the firm of Nagorski, Firman & Mahoney, with offices in the Palace Building. He was born in this city, Feb. 22, 1890, and is the son of M. L. and Ellen (Hughes) Mahoney.

M. L. Mahoney, deceased, was a native of this city, as is his wife. For a number of years he operated W. L. Scott's pleasure yacht, Steamer "Mystic," and later engaged in business in Erie. He died April 29, 1912, and is buried in Trinity Cemetery. His wife resides at 113 West Third Street, Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney were born five children: Thomas Hughes, lives in Erie; Harrison Gerald, lives in Los Angeles, Calif.; Mary A., and Robert F., live in Erie; and Timothy Jay, the subject of this sketch.

After attending the parochial and public schools of Erie, Timothy Jay Mahoney entered Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., from which he was graduated in 1921 with the degree of LL. B. In October of that year he was admitted to the bar of the District of Columbia and in December was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar. Mr. Mahoney began his business career in 1910 in the employ of the Erie Dispatch and until 1918 was connected with that newspaper as well as the Herald and Times. From 1920 until 1921 he served as chief of The Pay Division of the Public Health Bureau of U. S. Treasury Department, at Washington, D. C. While in the university he held the office of managing editor of "Ye Doomsday Booke," the graduating year book of all the departments of Georgetown University.

During the World War Mr. Mahoney served 18 months in the infantry branch of the U. S. Army and was stationed at Fort Thomas, Ky., and Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C.

On Sept. 1, 1919, Mr. Mahoney was married to Miss Arvilla Renz, a native of this city, a daughter of George F. and Maud A. (Lutz) Renz, natives of Erie, and a sister of Dr. O. W. Renz and Dr. M. F. Renz, also

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of Erie. George F. Renz died May 8, 1917, and his wife resides at 548 East Eighth Street, Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney have been born two children: Timothy Jay, Jr., and Nedra Mary.

Mr. Mahoney is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the University Club, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, Knights of Columbus, and is past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, Erie Council No. 278. He is a Republican.

William Swenson, a well known and dependable citizen of Erie, was born in Sweden, Sept. 21, 1881, and is a son of Swan and Johanna (Yolson) Swenson.

Swan Swenson has spent his entire life in Sweden and is now living retired. He and his wife are the parents of ten children, nine of whom are living.

William Swenson spent his boyhood in his native land where he learned his trade as cabinet maker. At the age of 19 years he came to this country and settled in Erie where he has since lived. He owns a shop at 513 West 11th Street and does all kinds of upholstering and cabinet work.

On Dec. 12, 1904, Mr. Swenson was married in Erie to Miss Marie Christopher, who came to this country from Denmark, at the age of 18 years. They have six children, as follows: Wilbur, Gordon, Elizabeth, Alice, Paul and Harvey.

Mr. Swenson is a Republican and a member of the Swedish Salvation Army Church.

G. M. Gerbracht is a substantial citizen of Erie, where he is engaged in the grocery business at 1102 West 22nd Street. He was born in Erie, Jan. 12, 1890, and is the son of Jacob A., and Louise (Albracht) Gerbracht.

Jacob A. Gerbracht is a native of Erie, born at 524 West 6th Street, July 9, 1864. He is the son of Antone and Margaret (Weber) Gerbracht, and has spent his entire life in Erie. After working at his trade of moulder for 20 years, he engaged in the grocery business in 1908. Mr. Gerbracht's place of business, known as the Erie grocery, is located at 1002 West 6th Street. On April 28, 1888, Mr. Gerbracht was married at Dunkirk, N. Y., to Miss Louise Albracht, of Erie, and to this union 15 children were born, ten of whom are now living, as follows: Louise Bernhart, lives in Erie; G. M., the subject of this sketch; Earl, lives in Erie;

William, a veteran of the World War, associated in business with his father; Mrs. Martha Steimer, Mrs. Anna Schack; Mrs. Ruth Lewis, Florence, Thomas, and Donald, all residents of Erie. Those deceased are: Charles, Margaret, John, Katherine R., and Jacob.

G. M. Gerbracht was educated in the public schools of Erie and in 1916 engaged in the grocery business at 1061 West 22nd Street. Several years later he sold this business and moved to his present location. Mr. Gerbracht carries a high grade line of groceries and also deals in cigars and tobacco.

On May 17, 1911, Mr. Gerbracht was united in marriage with Miss Agnes Youngbauer, of Erie, and to this union one child has been born, Catherine, born in 1912.

Politically Mr. Gerbracht is a Democrat and he and his family hold membership in the Catholic Church. He is a progressive man and well liked throughout the community.

Benjamin F. Evans, retired, is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent pioneer families in Erie County. He was born on a farm in Mill Creek Township, Jan. 31, 1857, and is the son of Uriah and Dorothy (Knodle) Evans.

Uriah Evans was a native of Lancaster County, Pa., and came to this county with his parents when he was five years old. He engaged in the lumber business in Mill Creek Township. He settled on a farm in McKean Township, where he spent the remainder of his life. Mr. Evans died at the age of 78 years and his wife, a native of Germany, died when she was 79 years old. They are buried in Talmadge Cemetery, Mill Creek Township. Mr. and Mrs. Evans were the parents of six children, three of whom are now living: Benjamin F., the subject of this sketch; Miss Elizabeth and Charles W., who reside on the old home place.

Benjamin F. Evans spent his boyhood on the farm and received his education in the district schools. In 1881 he came to Erie, where he worked at his trade as a carpenter. Later, he was employed by Jacob Minnig, well known grocer and then became associated with P. Minnig, grocer, in whose employ he remained for 28 years. Mr. Evans was stock keeper and also served as adjuster between the railroads and his firm for damaged goods. In 1913 he was elected tax collector of Mill Creek Township and served four years. In 1918 he retired from active business. He lives at 301 Peach Street, where he owns a modern and attractive home.

Mr. Evans was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Jane Waidley, a native of Erie County, and the daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Minnig) Waidley, both deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Evans two children were born: Lee W., who was killed in an automobile accident on July 5, 1915, at the age of 29 years; and Ruby Dorothy, a graduate of Erie High School, took a kindergarten teacher's course. She has been a teacher of the kindergarten school for 13 years, the last seven of which have been spent in Perry School. She resides with her parents.

Mr. Evans is an independent voter. He and his family hold membership in the New Jerusalem Church, and he belongs to the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Evans is held in high regard throughout the entire community and is an excellent citizen.

Arthur H. Beyer, who is successfully engaged in the jewelry business in Erie, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in Erie, April 15, 1893, and is the son of Emil and Louise (Brevillier) Beyer.

Emil Beyer was born in Germany in 1855. At the age of 25 years he came to the United States and located in Erie, where he engaged in the jewelry business with his brother, Joseph, who had established the business in 1892. At the death of his brother in 1900, Mr. Beyer became owner of the business which he successfully conducted until the time of his death in 1919. His wife, a native of Erie, is now 68 years of age. There were two children in the Beyer family: Arthur H., the subject of this sketch; and Edmund, who died at the age of eight years.

Arthur H. Beyer received his education in the public schools of Erie and was graduated from Central High School in 1914. He was engaged in his father's store until the outbreak of the World War, when he enlisted in the navy. After a year's service he was commissioned ensign and served in that capacity four months. Mr. Beyer spent two years in the Philadelphia Horological School. His place o fbusiness is located at 1602 Peach Street, and is one of the attractive jewelry shops of the city. He carries a complete line of jewelry, silverware, watches and clocks.

On Oct. 2, 1920, Mr. Beyer was married to Miss Eleanor Gray, of Erie, and to this union has been born one child, Mary Louise.

Mr. Beyer is a Republican, a member of the Elks lodge and belongs to the American Legion. He is well known in his community, where his family has always been held in high esteem.

Francis Thomas Nagorski has attained distinctive prestige as one of the able and popular members of the bar of Erie County and has also gained marked recognition as a progressive business man of Erie. He was born in the Village of Wiszyn, near Dantzig, in Pomerania, then West Prussia, Germany, now Poland, Sept. 18, 1879, and is the son of John and Frances (Klawiter) von Nagorski. In 1888 the family came to the United States and in May of that year took up their residence in Erie.

The family name of Nagorski was corrupted by erroneous spelling initiated by an uncle, Alois Nagorski, who was an early settler in Erie, and who upon his naturalization wrote his name Nagosky. This last spelling is wrong and was caused, perhaps, by a desire to simplify the name and make it less difficult to pronounce.

Mr. Nagorski received his early education in the public schools of his native land and was about 11 years of age at the time that the family immigrated to America. He was reared in Erie and continued his primary education in St. Stanislaus' parochial school, after which he took up his preparatory work in Sts. Ciril and Methodius Seminary at Detroit, Mich.

In 1895, his father who was a building contractor and was engaged in the construction of the St. Stanislaus' Church in the City of Erie, became afflicted with paralysis, and Francis T. Nagorski was compelled to quit school. He finished his preliminary education in the Central High School of Erie, Pa., with the class of 1898, and afterwards entered the Law School of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of LL. B. On July 1, 1905, he was admitted to the bar of Erie County; he is also admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the State of Pennsylvania.

He became interested from the very beginning of his legal career, in the material, economical and moral improvement of the Polish immigrant. He has defended the Polish people from unjust attacks, and has from time to time written illuminating articles in the press, dispelling prejudice and disseminating truthful information. In co-operation with Rev. Andrew Ignasiak, he organized the East Side Building and Loan Association in the year 1907, for the purpose of stimulating savings and creating funds to facilitate the building of homes and improving living conditions. This association has been very prosperous, and he is still its solicitor. He was also one of the initiators of the Bank of Erie, now the Bank of Erie Trust Company, of which he is a director and solicitor. Besides the inter-

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est in the material side of life, he has taken active part in the promotion of education and social improvement of the people among which he has cast his lot. He was a secretary of the Saint John Kanty College Association which built the Saint John Kanty College, south of Wesleyville, near the City of Erie. He was director of the Erie's Community Chest for one term, and he is president of the Community Young Men's Association, an institution which is endeavoring to do work on the east side of the City of Erie after the manner of the Y. M. C. A.

He takes active part in the problems of the American citizens of Polish descent in this country, and in Americanization work amongst the people of his descent. The most influential of these organizations, and which will be remembered during the late great war rendered such effective service, is the Polish National Alliance, of which he is a member and president of the local lodges. He is a member of the University Club, and the Elks.

In 1918 and 1919 he represented his constituents in the city council as finance director and vice-mayor.

He was married in 1910 to Hedwig Dymsia, of Homestead, Pa., and the issue of this marriage are three children: Francis T., Jr., born April 29, 1911; Robert, born March 12, 1915; and Hubert, born Dec. 17, 1921.

He is a Republican in politics. In the year 1916 in the campaign for assembly, he came within 34 votes of being elected over the combination Republican-Democrat candidate. His defeat, however, was a victory for the Republican party because his winning precincts also gave Henry A. Clark a fine vote, which resulted in the election of Mr. Clark to Congress. Mr. Clark won by 613 votes from his Democratic opponent, Charles N. Crosby.

N. R. Kellam, owner of the Paris Cloak House, is among the well known and successful business men of Erie. He was born in Maine, April 9, 1862, and is the son of Wesley and Selenia (Porter) Kellam.

Wesley Kellam was a native of Maine and died in 1866. His wife was born in Nova Scotia and died in 1888. There were four children in the Kellam family, all of whom are now living.

N. R. Kellam received his education in the schools of Maine, and when a young man engaged in market gardening. When he was 24 years of age he went to Lyons, Neb., and became a miller for the Lyons Brothers Milling Company. In 1900 Mr. Kellam came to Erie and established his

present business at 708 State Street, which was part of the old Tom Hughes estate. In 1919 he removed to his present location, 826 Peach street. Mr. Kellam specializes in the sale of women's wear, and the Paris Cloak House is among the leading shops of its kind in the city.

In 1887 Mr. Kellam was married at Milwaukee, Wis., to Miss Margaret Forbish, and they have two children: Walter R., a veteran of the World War, engaged in the automobile business in Erie, married Miss Ruth Sunberg, of Erie; and Doris.

In politics Mr. Kellam is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the First Methodist Church and belongs to the Elks lodge and the Rotary Club. He is esteemed throughout the community as a substantial and reliable citizen.

J. Ross Barney, a prominent builder and developer of restricted homesites of Erie, was born on a farm in Green Township, Erie County, Pa., Oct. 15, 1882, and is the son of J. M. and Mary (Lavery) Barney.

J. M. Barney, retired, is a native of Erie County, born in Green Township, in 1859. During his life he followed general farming and met with success. His wife died in 1919 at the age of 64 years and is buried in Green Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Barney eight children were born, of whom J. Ross, the subject of this sketch, is the oldest son.

J. Ross Barney acquired his education in various schools and colleges including Edinboro Normal School and Grove City College. After graduating from these institutions and receiving his degree, he took two years post graduate work under Dr. Bowne, of Boston University, and Dr. Ormond, of Princeton University, specializing in philosophical research work, and has one of the best collections of books on philosophical and theosophical work. Mr. Barney finds time to continue his studies and devotes several hours each week to study and meditation.

After graduation our subject spent four years as principal of schools in this state and later became interested in real estate development and building of fine homes. He named his subdivision Chestnut Hill and was a pioneer in this field of work, being the first to restrict his property to homes with $25,000.00, and has built several that cost considerable more.

Mr. Barney is well equipped with his wide experience in building and development of allotments and has the advantage of having his own mill doing his mill work and finish on the job.

Mr. Barney owns another large subdivision called Moreland Farms and has several homes already completed.

In addition to the Erie projects, he has complete management and development and exclusive sale of Sheridan Park, the largest and most expensive projects ever attempted in Buffalo. The improvements are now completed in over eight miles of street frontage at a cost of over five million dollars. Sheridan Drive, a 180 ft. boulevard, is the only street in the world costing over two hundred thousand dollars per mile for pavement.

On Aug. 15, 1907, Mr. Barney was united in marriage with Miss Myrtle E. Frantz, a native of Cambridge Springs, Pa., the daughter of George D. and Sarepta (Fullerton) Frantz. To this union have been born four children, as follows: J. Milton, born April 8, 1911; Dorothy, born April 29, 1913; Marjorie L., born January 2, 1918; and Marian Ruth, born July 23, 1921.

Mr. Barney is a Republican, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the University Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Master Builders Association, and the Erie Builders Exchange. He is a progressive citizen of Erie and has an extensive acquaintance throughout the community.

Charles A. Feisler, superintendent of the Northwestern Humane Society of Pennsylvania, is one of the well known and dependable citizens of Erie. He was born there Aug. 8, 1876, and is a son of Louis E. and Mary (Bowers) Feisler.

Louis E. Feisler was born in Mill Creek Township, Erie County, in 1846. He engaged in railroading during his active career and has lived retired since 1915. His wife, who was also a native of Mill Creek Township, died in 1884, at the age of 40 years. Her parents settled in Erie County more than a century ago. To Mr. and Mrs. Feisler six children were born, three of whom are now living.

Charles A. Feisler grew up in Erie and attended the public schools. He was very ambitious and at 14 owned a paper route besides working in a barber shop evenings. When he was 18 years of age he opened a barber shop at 1509 Sassafras Street, which he conducted for six years. His next business venture was a pool room, bowling alley and barber shop, at 1511 Peach Street, which he owned until 1904. He then purchased a hotel at 26th and Peach Street, which was known as the South Erie Hotel. In 1914 this was sold and Mr. Feisler engaged in the automobile business with M. Nelson, agent for the Hudson automobile. Since

1918 he has held his present position. His wife is matron of the Erie County Detention Home.

On Sept. 30, 1903, Mr. Feisler was married in Buffalo to Miss Mayme Haaf, of Erie, a daughter of Joseph and Mary A. (Grant) Haaf. Mr. Haaf lives at Erie. His wife is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Feisler have a daughter, Marion Dorothy.

Politically, Mr. Feisler is a Republican. He is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and belongs to the Elks, Eagles and Moose lodges. He has always been a progressive and enterprising citizen.

Joseph Crane Williams, mayor, is among Erie's representative and influential citizens. He was born in this city at 837 East Sixth Street, Jan. 8, 1877, and is the son of Joseph H. and Nancy B. (Crane) Williams, sketches of whom appear in this history.

Mr. Williams began life as a newsboy on the streets of his home town and attended the public schools. His business career began as a messenger boy for the Pennsylvania Railroad in the freight house office at Parade and 15th Streets. He then was employed as a clerk with the W. L. Scott Coal Company and during the years, 1903 and 1904, he acted as superintendent of the company's dock in Chicago, returning to Erie Jan. 1, 1905. Here he served as clerk in the Susquehanna Coal Company office until December, 1911, when he began his term of office as city treasurer, to which he had been elected in November, 1910. Mr. Williams held this office until April, 1916, at which time he was appointed chief clerk of the county commissioners. He served in this capacity until January, 1920, when he again took office as city treasurer, being re-elected in the fall election of 1920. On Jan. 7, 1924, he took office as mayor of Erie, having been elected in the November, 1923, election without opposition.

On July 31, 1901, Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Loverna Schuwerk, who was born at McKean, Erie County, the daughter of Max M. and Jenny L. (Stafford) Schuwerk, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Erie County. Mr. Schuwerk was born Nov. 5, 1852, and his wife was born Jan. 25, 1852. He died Oct. 23, 1911, and his wife died March 25, 1917. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams a daughter has been born, Jane Loverna Williams, born March 20, 1906. She is a student at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

Mr. Williams is affiliated with the First Methodist Church of Erie, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Shrine, Chamber of Commerce,

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MRS. NANCY B. WILLIAMS

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, Elks Lodge, and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a Republican and during his long term of public service as an official he has been most progressive and efficient.

Joseph H. Williams, deceased, was a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Erie. He was born at Burlington, N. J., Oct. 29, 1839, a son of Samuel S. and Sarah (Hutchinson) Williams, the father a native of Burlington, N. J., and the mother of Bucks County, Pa.

The Williams family is an old and highly esteemed family of New Jersey, and John N. Williams, the paternal great-grandfather of the Erie Joseph H. Williams, served in the Revolutionary War in a New Jersey regiment. He met his death at the Battle of Monmouth, and his son Daniel, the grandfather of Joseph H., was born near that battle ground in Monmouth County, and died in Burlington, N. J., and the maternal grandfather of Mr. Williams died in Bucks County, Pa. The latter was an Englishman by birth.

Joseph H. Williams spent the early years of his life in his native city of Burlington and in 1861 he volunteered in three month's service in the Civil War, but being refused on account of the company being full, he again volunteered in February, 1864, in Company F, 186th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and served until the close of the struggle. Four of his brothers were also in the war, two serving in the 112th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, one in the Third New Jersey Regiment and one was in the Construction Corps. Previous to joining the army, Joseph H. Williams had learned the bricklayer's trade and coming to the City of Erie in 1872 he began contracting and building and continued along that line of work until his death. Mr. Williams, in company with Robert T. Shank, built some of the leading business places and beautiful homes of Erie and during its existence was one of the largest contracting firms in the county. Among the fine residences constructed by them was the home of Mrs. C. W. Strong. He died Dec. 23, 1913.

On Oct. 14, 1870, Mr. Williams married Miss Nancy B. Crane, a sketch of whom and a history of the Crane family appear in this volume.

Mr. Williams was a Republican and served as a member of the School Board for 16 years and was instrumental in the founding of the public library in Erie. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and was identified with the Masonic Lodge and the following branches: P. M. Perry

Lodge No. 392; Temple Chapter No. 215, R. A. M.; P. T. I. G. M. Jerusalem Council No. 33, R. & S. M.; E. C. Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 30 K. T.; Zem Zem Temple, and Presque Isle of Perfection.

Mrs. Nancy B. (Crane) Williams, probation officer of Erie County, is among the highly esteemed women of Erie, and a member of one of the county's prominent pioneer families. She was born in this city, Jan. 12, 1852, and is the daughter of James and Priscilla (Roberts) Crane.

James Crane was the son of Abiatha Crane, one of the pioneers of Erie and a soldier of the Revolutionary War. He established the Crane Stone Quarry Company in Erie, which was owned by him until his death in June, 1852.

Nancy B. Crane was reared and educated in Erie and on Oct. 14, 1870, was united in marriage with Joseph H. Williams, now deceased. A sketch of Mr. Williams appears in this volume.

To Joseph C. and Nancy B. (Crane) Williams were born six children, as follows: Charles Hutchin, born July 31, 1871, married Clara Jackson, and they live at 117 East Fifth Street, Erie; Joseph Crane, born July 8, 1877, mention of whom is made below; Max C., born Sept. 29, 1879, married Louise Greger, served as chairman of the Erie County Republican Committeemen from 1919 until 1924, and they live at 217 East Avenue, Erie; Robert K., born Oct. 28, 1882, married Mamie Olivett, lives at 823 East Sixth Street, Erie; Sarah, born Jan. 10, 1884, married C. V. Olsen, lives at 837 East Sixth Street; and Laura, born Jan. 31, 1885, married Hugo Nicolai, and they live at Irvington, N. J.

Mrs. Joseph C. Williams was appointed probation officer for girls in Erie County by Judge Walling in 1914 and in this work she has proven thoroughly capable and efficient. She is the first woman to hold the position of probation officer in Erie County. She is a member of the Wayne Park Baptist Church, and belongs to the Eastern Star, Hiram Brown Circle, Ladies of the Grand Army, and is a teacher of the Women's Bible Class. She is a Republican.

The Crane Family. The following is taken from the Cleveland Sunday Leader of April, 1903: "History of an Illustrious Family. Many descendants of Abiathar Crane, one of Erie's pioneer settlers, now reside in this section. The Cranes are among the earliest pioneers of Erie County, Elihu, Miles, and Abiathar Crane, coming from New England and settling in the western part of the county in 1797, in the vicinity of

Cranesville. Abiathar Crane later moved to Erie and located in its eastern suburb. No family in the county has a more honorable record than that of the Cranes. Jasper Crane, who came from England in 1637 with Alice, his wife, was the emigrant ancestor. Their son, Jasper, was one of the committee of safety to protect the New Haven colony against De Ruyter, the Dutch Admiral, who cruised in the Long Island Sound and threatened the settlements. During the Revolutionary War, the Connecticut colony, to increase facilities for coast defense, put into service three boats or galleys, one being called 'The Crane.' named in honor of the family who stood so loyally by the colony. It was sent to New York to assist in its defense under General Washington and even the exact cost of the 'Crane' has been recorded, £1,013, 6s, 10d.

"Of the other Cranes who gave service to their country there was Ebenezer Crane, a private of the militia, designated as the 'Lexington Alarm.' Memebrs of the family served as privates, corporals, and captains, not only in the Revolutionary War and all colonial wars, but in that of 1812 and the Mexican War. Anyone who can claim a Crane as an ancestor has no trouble in proving eligibility to the various patriotic societies, Colonial Dames or Revolutionary Daughters and Sons. Love of country has ever been a distinguishing trait of the family as well as upright business principles. No descendant so far as is known, has ever been a criminal, a pauper, or a suicide. The family is descended from Lord Arundell's family, and inherit the blood of Charlemagne and Hugh Capet, both of whom claimed to spring from Pharmond, and from him to Antenor, king of the Crimenians, B. C. 443. Chilton, near Gudbury, in Suffolk, is the home of the Cranes. They lived at Chilton Hall, a moated manor or some distinction and were lords of the manor. The Cranes in England have borne five coats of arms, whether all of one family is not certain, although there is reason for believing that they were special grants made for special services. The several Armorials are lacking in mottoes with one exception.

"A member of the Crane family of Cheshire county, England, on noticing his neighbor Corbett's motto, 'God Feeds the Crows,' wrote for his motto, 'He who feeds the crows will not forget the Cranes.' In Chilton Church is an elaborate marble monument to the memory of Liv. Robert Crane, who was knighted by James I. Of Jane Anne Arundell it is recorded that she left by will, which was proved in 1521, money for wax tapers for the day of her burying and afterwards for use at mass, also money for bells to ring dirges at her obsequies. A John Crane was clerk

of the kitchen to James I, a position of much honor. A Robert Crane of Suffolk, was one of the gentlemen chosen by King Charles II to be made knight of the Royal Oak. He had an estate of $75,000 per year."

Annette Young, the efficient clerk of courts of Erie County, is a native of this county. She is a daughter of James Brown and Phoebe Jane Young. The father was born in Ireland in 1832 of English and Irish parentage. He came to Erie County when a small child and died in 1879. The mother was a native of Erie County and of Scotch descent. She was reared in this county, educated in the public schools and Waterford Academy and taught school. She died April 28, 1925.

Miss Young was educated in the public schools, taught school for one year, and was employed in business offices for five years. She was a resident of Redlands, Calif., for four years, where she was deputy city clerk. She was appointed deputy clerk of courts of Erie County, Dec. 1, 1912, and May 1, 1922, was appointed by the governor to fill out the unexpired term of the late Ross Cutter as clerk of courts, and was elected to that office for a four year term, 1924 to 1928, at the November, 1923, election.

Miss Young is a Republican, a member of Park Presbyterian Church, Woman's Club, Zonta Club, National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club. She is a capable public official and has a wide acquaintance in Erie County.

Robert Edward Weschler, who ranks among the well known business men and substantial citizens of Erie, was born there Feb. 2, 1877, the son of Leo B. and Pauline (Kimmeth) Weschler.

Leo B. Weschler was born in Erie, the son of Jacob Weschler, one of the city's pioneer citizens, and old time malt dealers. Mr. Weschler died in 1891, and his wife is also deceased. They were the parents of the following children: Robert E., the subject of this sketch; Charles L., Joseph S., Frank J., Harry J., and Frances.

Robert Edward Weschler attended St. Joseph's school in Chicago, the Erie public schools, and Clark's Business College. He entered upon his business career as a salesman selling the old Graphic newspaper, of which John Miller was the editor. From that line of work he entered the employ of M. A. Krug, in the shoe business, and was associated with that business house for 13 years. In 1901 Mr. Weschler engaged in the shoe business with his brother, Charles L., on State Street. With the

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passing years his business has enlarged and he is now proprietor of one of the largest shoe houses in the city. In 1903 the business was incorporated with Mr. Weschler as president and Harry J. Weschler as secretary, which offices they both now hold.

Mr. Weschler was married to Miss Mae C. Scharrer, of Erie, and a daughter of one of its oldest residents, Jacob Scharrer. Mr. and Mrs. Weschler have four children, as follows: Joseph, a graduate of Central High School, engaged in business with his father, married Miss Beatrice Duffy of Erie; Mildred, a graduate of Academy High School, now a student at Seton College, Greensburg, Pa.; Robert, a high school student; and Helen Frances, also a student.

Mr. Weschler is a Democrat, a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Elks lodge, and the Board of Commerce. He has served as a member of the board of education for 21 years and has served as president of the board for three terms. Mr. Weschler and his family are highly esteemed citizens of their community and have many friends.

George L. Kelly is an enterprising and successful business man of Erie. He is a member of the firm of Kelly & Green, commercial photographers, located at 116 West 11th Street. Mr. Kelly was born at Tazewell, Va., March 29, 1884, and is the son of John P. and Mary (Groseclose) Kelly.

John P. Kelly is a native of Marion, Va., born in 1850. During his active life he engaged in general farming and stock raising and now lives retired. His wife, who was born in Virginia in 1844, died in 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly had nine children.

George L. Kelly received his education in the schools of his native state and is a graduate of Emory and Henry College, in Virginia, and also of the University of Chicago. After teaching high school at Duffield, Va., for five years, Mr. Kelly taught for three years at Ottumwa, Iowa. He then came to Erie where he taught social science in the high schools for eight years. Messrs. Kelly & Green specialize in commercial photography and wholesale kodak finishing. Their business covers a radius of 200 miles around Erie.

On Aug. 20, 1920, Mr. Kelly was united in marriage with Miss Gladys Short of Erie, and the daughter of Alfred and Helen (Horton) Short. Mr. Short died in 1914 and his wife resides at Erie, Pa. Mrs. Kelly is a

graduate of the University of Florida and taught school for six years in Erie before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have one son, Donald, born May 5, 1924.

Mr. Kelly is a Democrat and a member of the First Methodist Church. He is a leading and representative citizen of his community.

John Henry Buys, who ranks among the substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Erie, was born in Summit Township, Erie County, in 1839. After attending the district schools he attended Waterford Academy, Erie County, after which he engaged in general farming. Later, he worked at the blacksmith trade, and after several years became interested in the coal business. For a number of years Mr. Buys was connected with the Whitman Coal Company, Erie. Since 1916 he has been an invalid and confined to his home at 260 West 8th Street.

On Aug. 10, 1876, Mr. Buys was united in marriage with Miss Marietta Tarbell, a native of Chicago, Ill., and the daughter of James and Margaret (Demars) Tarbell, who settled in Erie County in 1797. The Tarbell family located on a farm in Mill Creek Township and were well known pioneers of this section. Mrs. Buys has a brother living, Eugene Tarbell, who resides in Florida. To Mr. and Mrs. Buys two daughters were born: Margaret, who was drowned July 4, 1903, at the age of 26 years, and she is buried in Erie Cemetery; and Elizabeth, who married B. Emmons, and she died June 3, 1908, at the age of 31 years, and is buried in Erie Cemetery.

Politically, Mr. Buys is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Central Presbyterian Church and have an extensive acquaintance is Erie, where they have spent so many years.

Carl C. Guerrein, one of Erie's enterprising and successful young business men, was born there March 26, 1896, and is the son of Leo and Barbara (Fischer) Guerrein.

Leo Guerrein was born in Germany in 1868 and came to this country in 1892, locating in Erie. He established a wholesale cheese business in 1895 at 2509 Peach Street, where the business was located until 1916, at which time it was moved to 1014 Holland Avenue. On December 16, 1916, Mr. Guerrein retired from business. He resides at 2509 Peach Street. Mr. Guerrein has been successful in his business undertaking and owns several pieces of valuable real estate, including the Hippodrome Theater.

His wife, a native of Sondernheim, Germany, died at the age of 40 years, leaving six children, of whom Carl C., the subject of this sketch is the oldest.

Carl C. Guerrein has always lived in Erie. After attending the public schools he engaged in business with his father. He manufacturs high grade cheeses and besides his extensive local trade ships his product to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and surrounding territory; he also imports cheese and fish from Europe.

In 1917 Mr. Guerrein was married to Miss Edith Margaret Arndt, of Erie, a daughter of Joseph G. and Theresa (Mangold) Arndt, residents of Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Guerrein have been born three children: Carl J., born January 2, 1918; E. Barbara, born March 11, 1919; and Virginia, born February 29, 1920.

In politics Mr. Guerrein is identified with the Republican party. He and his family are members of St. John's Catholic Church. He belongs to the Elks lodge and various other organizations.

C. L. Siegel is a well known citizen of Erie and the manager of one of the city's old established businesses. He was born here, Aug. 24, 1875, and is the son of Jacob F. and Margaret (O'Brien) Siegel.

Jacob F. Siegel, retired, is one of Erie's pioneer coal dealers. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 12, 1845, the son of Frederick L. and Katherine (Zimmer) Siegel. In 1853 the family came to Erie, where Jacob F. was educated. In 1890 he entered the coal business and by careful management was able to build up a splendid business, which is now operated by his son. In 1910 Mr. Siegel sold his oil interests to the Bayerson Oil Company of Erie. He now lives retired. There were seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Siegel, five of whom are now living.

C. L. Siegel attended the Erie schools and when he was 18 years of age entered his father's employ. He now conducts the business, although his father maintains his interest in it. Mr. Siegel carries a complete line of building materials, cement, coal, etc., and operates three trucks. The business is located at 849 East 11th Street.

On April 27, 1910, Mr. Siegel was united in marriage with Miss Emma Vetter, of Erie, and they have two children: Charles and John, both students.

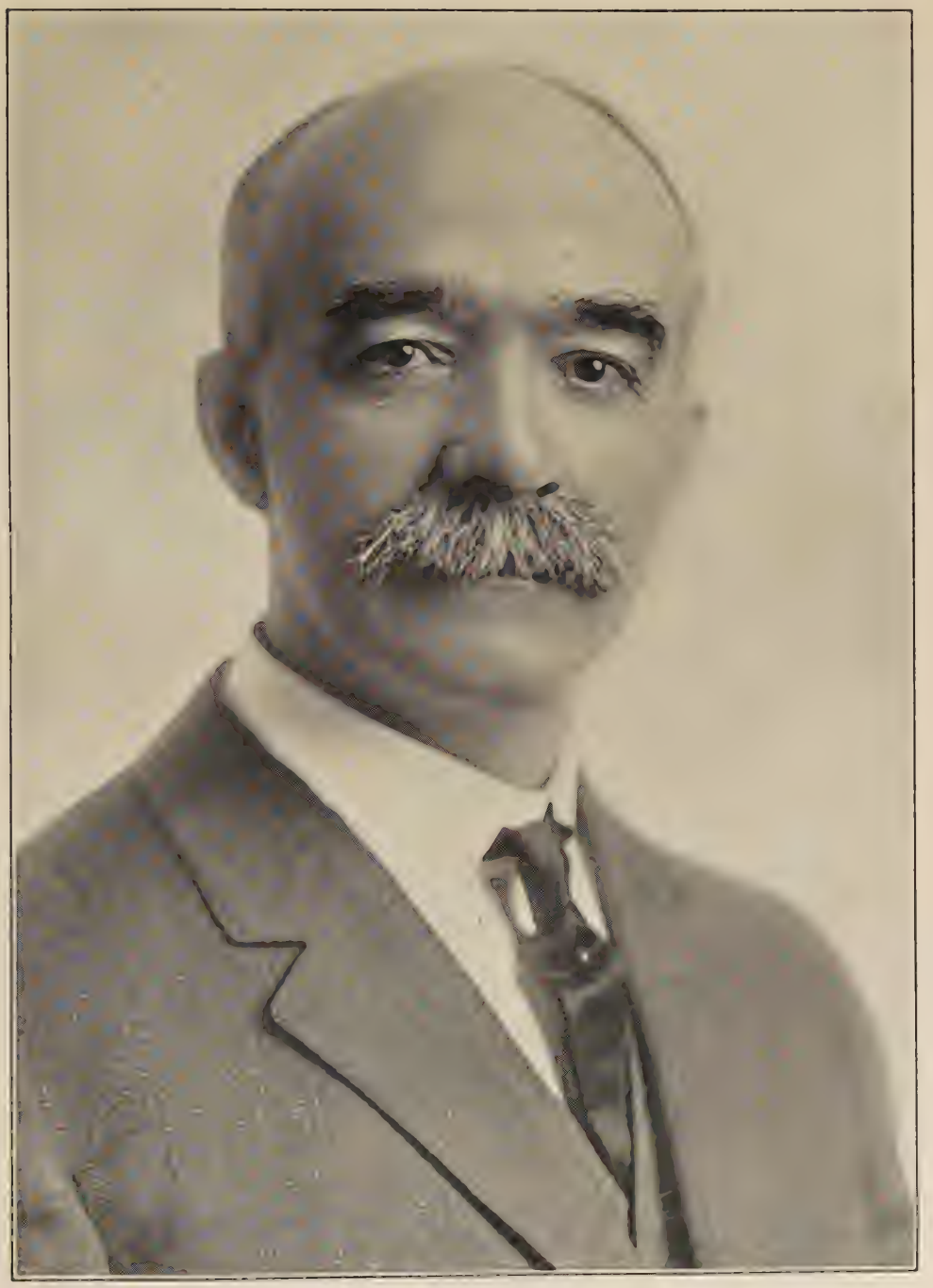
Mr. Siegel is a Democrat, a member of the Masonic and Elks lodges, and an excellent citizen of Erie.

Henry J. Sevin was a prominent art dealer for more than fifty years in the City of Erie. He was born in this city, Jan. 14, 1856, was educated in the city schools, and at the age of 13 years entered the business firm of his father. His father, Jacob Theodore Sevin, son of a teacher, was born at Gruenstatt, Rhine Bavaria, Germany, Oct. 28, 1812, and died Aug. 17, 1888. His mother, Catherine Albrecht, was born at Erbach, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and died Oct. 14, 1871. She was the daughter of a cloth manufacturer. Both of Mr. Sevin's parents are buried in Erie Cemetery.

The Sevin family were originally French Hugenots and came from Orleans, France. To escape the Catholic persecutions of the early 17th century they fled to Germany. There is a legend that up until this time the name had been Nives, and that it was now written backward and spelled Sevin to escape detection. This is substantiated by the old Sevin crest which bears in the lower portion of an ornamental shield, a cluster of snow flakes. The Latin plural of snow is nives, denoting the origin of the name and its original spelling.

Jacob T. Sevin was educated in the public schools of Germany and was graduated from the Gymnasium, a school which corresponds to our high school. He was a student of Latin and spoke German, French, Italian, Spanish and English. His father was a school teacher by profession and Jacob also taught school when a young man. Later he became a journeyman worker, following a mechanical and constructive bent and a desire to travel. He was an expert wood turner, also a turner of metals, horn, and other mediums. In 1849 he was forced to flee Germany because of his republican tendencies and lack of sympathy with the German monarchy. He then came to the United States and to Erie, because his brother, Dr. Charles Sevin, had located here the year previously. These traits of mechanical ability, desire to travel, and independence of thought are apparent in his children and grandchildren.

In 1846, three years before leaving Germany, Jacob Sevin married Catherine Albrecht. Two children were born there, Ernestine and Elizabeth Sevin. Ernestine taught in the public schools of Erie, was organist and choir leader in St. Paul's German Lutheran Church for many years, and later married Ernest Waeldin of Brooklyn, N. Y., where she made her home from that time until her death in 1923. Elizabeth became a pianist and teacher of music. She did not marry and died in 1917. Five more children were born in Erie: Carrie Sevin who married Jacob Eichorn and



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who died in 1916; Margaret Sevin, who married Charles B. Weunschel and is now living at 328 West Fifth Street, Erie; Charlotte Sevin, who married William S. Sherwood and is living at 435 West 10th Street, Erie (both Margaret and Charlotte were school teachers before their marriage). Charles Theodore, who is in the art business in Buffalo, N. Y., and lives at 785 Ashland Avenue; and Henry J. Sevin, the subject of this sketch.

Jacob Sevin continued in Erie his trade of wood and metal turning, making various articles such as canes, pipes, and later picture frames. This was the beginning of the art business in this city and of Sevin's Art Store. His first place of business was at Seventh and State Streets, at about 705 State Street. It was in this building that Henry J. Sevin was born in 1856. Later the business moved just above Eighth Street on State, where the Penn Building now stands. Here it remained until 1863 when the shop was moved to 17 West Seventh Street and a house erected at 15 West Seventh Street. In 1873 the firm of J. T. Sevin and Sons was formed, the house was moved to the rear, and the present building at 15 West Seventh Street was erected. Here the sons, Theodore and Henry, developed the art business while their father conducted a repair department at No. 17. By 1884 the art business had grown considerably. In this year the sons erected a two-story building at 912 State Street, moved the art business there, and formed the firm of J. T. Sevin's Sons. Their father continued the repair department at 17 West Seventh Street until his death in 1888. In 1897 another change took place when the firm of J. T. Sevin's Sons was dissolved and C. Theodore Sevin moved to Buffalo, N. Y., to open an art store on Main Street. In 1903 Henry J. Sevin remodeled and enlarged the building at 15 West Seventh Street and moved back to the old stand. In August, 1924, he retired from active business and died April 18, 1925. The business is now being conducted by his daughter Gertrude K.

On Oct. 19, 1881, Henry J. Sevin married Fredericka Mehl. She was an Erie girl, having been born and reared in this city. Her parents came from Alsasce which belonged to France during the time they lived there. Her father, Michael M. Mehl and her mother, Catherine Witter, were married in 1834 and had several sons. Michael Mehl was not in sympathy with the military program of France and did not want his sons subjected to the enforced military training so he brought his family to America and settled in Erie. It was his intention to go farther west but his wife had wearied of traveling and requested that they go no farther, so they re-

mained in Erie. Michael Mehl brought with him from Strausburg a number of instruments and formed the Mehl Band, the first brass band in Erie. His sons went to the Civil War with it. Michael Mehl died in 1880 and his wife in 1887. They are buried in the Erie Cemetery.

Of the children born to Henry J. Sevin and wife, Harry Louis Sevin is now living in Birmingham, Mich. He is manager of the Detroit Branch Office of the Theodore L. Dodd Company, manufacturers' agents. In 1914 Harry Sevin married Ethel Love of Hartford, Conn. They have three boys, William, Harry Louis, Jr., and Frederic Robert. Gertrude Katherine the eldest daughter, was graduated from Syracuse University in 1910. In 1911 she was appointed professor of biology and head of that department at Agnes Scott College, a college for women in Decatur, Ga., a suburb of Atlanta. In 1915 she returned to Syracuse University for a year of study and was granted a master's degree in June, 1916, and elected a member of Sigma Xi, the national honorary science society. In the fall of 1916 she went to Adelphi College for women in Brooklyn, N. Y., where she was head of the biology department until June, 1923. In August of this year when her father retired from business, his daughter, Gertrude, decided to give up her teaching profession to take over and continue the art business which her father had successfully carried on for so many years. A younger daughter, Madeleine Sevin, was with her father in the art business for a number of years. In 1918 she married Dr. Donald S. Sterret, the orthodontist. They have three children, Virginia, David, and Martha. Two younger sons, Frederic William and Robert Edward are twins. They both were graduated from the University of Michigan in 1917 as mechanical engineers. During the World War they served with the Curtis Aeroplane Corporation as assistants to the chief engineer. Frederic W. Sevin is at present with the Vacuum Oil Company as a lubrication expert working out of their Detroit office. Robert E. Sevin is associated with the Union Iron Works of Erie.

Frank Kurczewski, steamship and insurance agent, is among the enterprising and successful business men of Erie. He was born at Englewood, N. J., Jan. 17, 1877, and is a son of Stanislaus and Agnes (Wenderski) Kurczewski.

Stanislaus Kerczewski was born in Poland in 1854 and settled in New Jersey in 1871. He was a successful merchant during his active career and now lives retired at Buffalo, N. Y. His wife, also a native of Poland,

died in 1898, at the age of 51 years and is buried in Trinity cemetery, Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Kerczewski were the parents of eleven children, of whom Frank, the subject of this sketch was the oldest.

In 1878 the Kurczewski family removed to St. Joseph, Mo., and ten years later settled in Erie. When a young boy Frank Kurczewski learned the cigar making trade, in which business he was engaged for 28 years, being in the employ of several leading cigar manufacturers of Erie. In 1910 he entered the employ of Lawrence Stachowski, at that time steamship agent of Erie. In 1920 Mr. Kurczewski purchased the business which is located at 1208 Parade Street. He is also engaged in the insurance business, specializing in fire insurance.

Mr. Kurczewski has four children: Walter, born in 1901; Edmond, born in 1902; Alois, born in 1904; and Irene, born in 1910.

Mr. Kurczewski is a member of the Catholic church.

Davis Reichbaum is a progressive and enterprising business man of Erie. He was born in Russia, Aug. 14, 1877, and is the son of Moses and Gussie Reichbaum.

Moses Reichbaum was born in Poland in 1831 and now lives there retired. He was successfully engaged in the manufacturing business until the outbreak of the World War. His wife, who was born in 1840, died in 1891, and was buried in Poland. Mr. and Mrs. Reichbaum had seven children: Marian, Ida and Gussie, all live in Poland; Solomon, died in 1920; Abraham, lives in Pittsburgh; Alexander, lives in Pittsburgh; and Davis, the subject of this sketch.

At the age of 15 years Davis Reichbaum came to this country and settled in Pittsburgh, where he engaged in the salvage and contracting business with his brothers. In 1916 he removed his family to Erie and successfully engaged in the same business in this city. On June 23, 1924, Mr. Reichbaum, with Edward C. Hanley, opened the Boston Terminal Parking Station, 714 Peach Street, which is one of the largest and most conveniently located parking spaces in Erie. The space is 87x180 feet. On Feb. 10, 1925, Mr. Reichbaum bought Mr. Hanley's interests in the business. He also conducts a gasoline filling station and has a special car washing machine. Mr. Reichbaum has business interests in New York city, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Cambridge Springs, Pa.

In 1896, Mr. Reichbaum was married in Pittsburgh to Miss Anna Shocet, a native of that city. To them were born four children: Samuel,

who has been with the Keith Circuit for 14 years, and known as the popular comedian, "Roy Rogers"; Doctor Theodore, a veteran of the World war, and a graduate of the School of Medicine, Harvard University, now connected with St. Vincent's Hospital, New York city; Benjamin, now a student at a military academy in Virginia; and Sidney, a student at East High School, Erie.

Mr. Reichbaum is a member of the C. B. S. Congregation Church and he belongs to the B'nai B'rith, the Elks and Moose lodges and Erie Maennerchor. He is a capable man who has achieved marked success in his business undertakings.

Charles Edward Royer is a veteran of the World War and a leader among the younger attorneys of Erie. He was born in this city, Feb. 15, 1896, and is the son of Charles Edward and Joanna (Carney) Royer.

Charles Edward Royer, deceased, was born at Waterford, Pa., Oct. 26, 1849, and died March 28, 1917. He was employed by the Erie Forge Company for a number of years as a draftsman and was highly esteemed in the city. He was a Democrat, a member of the Catholic Church, a fourth degree Knight of Columbus, and belonged to the Royal Arcanum and the C. M. B. A. He was married Sept. 26, 1882, to Miss Joanna Carney, who was born in Erie, Aug. 28, 1859, the daughter of John C. and Mary (Crowley) Carney, natives of Ireland and early settlers of Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Royer two children were born: Ellen Josephine, born Nov. 6, 1884, married John Henry Coon, of Buffalo, now of Baltimore, Md. She is a graduate of Villa Maria Academy, Erie; and Charles Edward Royer, the subject of this sketch.

Joanna Carney Royer was educated in the parochial schools of Erie and has been identified with the L. C. B. A. since its organization in 1890. It was the first fraternal insurance society organized for Catholic women in the world and from the time of its organization in 1890, Mrs. Royer has served continuously as Supreme Recorder. In that year she was a delegate to the first convention held at Titusville, Pa. The society now has 1,300 branches throughout the United States and Canada, with headquarters in Erie. Mrs. Royer is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and belongs to the Women's Club. Elbert Hubbard referred to Mrs. Royer as being one of the 12 leading business women of the world.

Charles Edward Royer attended the parochial and public schools of Erie and was graduated from Central High School in 1914, from George

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Washington University in 1920 with A. B. degree, and from the Law School of Georgetown University in 1921 with the degree of LL.B. The following year he received the degree of LL.M. He was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia in 1921, to the Erie County Bar in 1922, to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 1923, to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania in 1923, and to the U. S. Federal Court of the Western District of Pennsylvania in 1924. On Aug. 1, 1922, Mr. Royer established his office in the Marine Bank Building.

Mr. Royer enlisted in the Quartermaster's Corps, U. S. Army in August, 1917, and later transferred to the 33rd Artillery, 11th Division. He served with this outfit until his discharge, Dec. 11, 1918. He now holds the commission of second lieutenant in the Field Artillery, Officers' Reserve Corps. He is a member of the American Legion and the Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux.

Mr. Royer is a member of the Erie County Bar Association, the University Club, the Erie Golf Club, Knights of Columbus, and Sigma Nu Phi Fraternity (legal).

Kendall R. Morrison, justice of the peace and leading real estate operator of Wesleyville, was born in Cameron County, Pa., Oct. 20, 1861, and is the son of Robert H. and Alzina (Bliss) Morrison.

Robert H. Morrison was a native of Genesee County, N. Y., born in 1834. He engaged in the lumbering business in Cameron County, Pa., for many years and died in 1911. His wife died in 1901. To Mr. and Mrs. Morrison six children were born.

Kendall R. Morrison grew up in Emporium and attended the schools there. At the age of 19 years he learned telegraphy and three years later engaged in the lumber business with his father. He was a bookkeeper for 15 years for Hall, Gardner & Company, in Elk County, Pa., after which he served in the same capacity for the West Hickory (Pa.) Tannery Company for 11 years. In 1920 Mr. Morrison removed to Wesleyville and after clerking for three years for the Frask, Prescott & Richardson Company, he became interested in the real estate business. In May, 1923, he was appointed justice of the peace. Mr. Morrison handles insurance, also, and is considered a reliable business man.

On July 21, 1883, Mr. Morrison was married at Wilcox, Pa., to Miss Annie Cook, and to them have been born nine children, as follows: Laura

May, married Ezra H. Webb, lives in Ontario, Canada; Nellie Mary, married W. O. Hazelton, foreman in the General Electric plant, Erie; Edward K., lives in Wesleyville, is also connected with the General Electric Company; Robert H., insurance agent, lives in Erie; Lena, a demonstrator at the Boston Store, Erie, lives at home; Anna I., at home; Gerald E., married Mary Bertram, and he is also employed at the General Electric Company, Erie; Verna Belle, at home; and Ethel, a high school student.

Mr. Morrison is a member of the Free Methodist Church of Erie.

George Allen Miller, authorized dealer for the Hupmobile and Gray automobiles, ranks among the leading business men of Erie. He was born there Jan. 1, 1891, and is the son of Allen and Susan (Wiley) Miller.

Allen Miller was born in Ireland in 1852 and came to this country when a young man. He settled in Erie where he worked at his trade of a moulder and later as a machinist. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, who now live retired in Erie, are the parents of four children, of whom George Allen, the subject of this sketch, is the youngest.

George Allen Miller was reared and educated in Erie and when he was 14 years old learned the pattern making trade, being the first apprentice ever hired by the General Electric Company there. Several years later Mr. Miller became a plumber and glazer. His first automobile experience was with the Keystone Sales Agency. During the World War he enlisted with the 111th Regiment, 28th Division, and was later transferred from the infantry to the regimental band. After two years service he returned to Erie and entered the employ of the Meyers Motor Sales Company, Chevrolet dealers. He was later appointed sales manager of the Watson & Peck Agency, and for the past year has had the agency for the Hupmobile and Gray cars. His place of business is located at 21 West 21st Street, and is among the up to date agencies and garages of the city.

On April 18, 1923, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Ruth Allison, the daughter of Charles and Myrtle Allison, of Erie. They have one son, George Allison, born March 2, 1924.

Mr. Miller is a Republican, a member of the Wayne Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic and Elks lodges, the Kiwanis club. and the Loyal Order of Moose.

The Miller Orchestra was organized by Mr. Miller in 1906 and was composed of members of his high school class. It now has 20 members and is considered one of Erie's leading orchestras.

E. J. Morton, retired city engineer, is among Erie's prominent and influential citizens. He was born in London, Eng., April 6, 1847, and is a son of John and Emma (Haddan) Morton.

John Morton, deceased, spent his entire life in London, and for a number of years published the London Gazette. There were seven children in the Morton family, of whom E. J., the subject of this sketch, was the oldest.

At the age of 15 years E. J. Morton came to the United States and settled in Buffalo, N. Y. Later he came to Erie, making the entire trip on foot. Here he studied engineering in the offices of Gray & Sherman. Mr. Morton was connected with the city engineering department for about 30 years. He lives at 708 West 10th Street.

On Sept. 16, 1877, Mr. Morton was married to Miss Elvira Masters, a native of Clarion County, Pa., and the daughter of Johnathan and Hannah (Richenbrode) Masters, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Morton have four children: Daisy Emma, married J. Hogan, inventor of the Trojan Washing Machine, lives in Erie; Edna, lives in New York city, where she is connected with the Lee Tire & Rubber Company; Henry Edgar, lives in Erie, where he has been connected with the city water department for 22 years; and Grace, private secretary of Charles Strong, Erie.

Mr. Morton is a Republican and a member of the First Methodist Church. He is one of Erie's well known and representative citizens.

L. T. Rossiter is a prominent citizen of Erie, where he is successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business. He was born in Philadelphia, June 24, 1863, and is a son of James P. and Eliza (McCusker) Rossiter.

James P. Rossiter was a native of Philadelphia, born in 1838. He was a distiller and engaged in the wholesale liquor business during his entire life. He died in Philadelphia in 1898, and his wife died there in 1871. They were the parents of five children.

L. T. Rossiter spent his boyhood in Philadelphia and was educated in the public schools there. When 17 years of age he became an apprentice to a ship's smith, and worked at that trade continuously for 12 years, after which he became interested in the insurance business in Philadelphia. Mr. Rossiter represented the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and the New York Life Insurance Company for 21 years, and in 1902 removed to Erie, where he became local superintendent of the Metropolitan Life

Insurance Company. In 1910 he engaged in the real estate business, specializing in residence property. Mr. Rossiter's offices are in the Penn building.

On Dec. 28, 1886, Mr. Rossiter was married at Philadelphia to Miss Elizabeth Griffin of that city. To them were born seven children: Helen, married L. F. O'Brien, lives in Buffalo, N. Y., and they have three children, Rita, Louis F., and Helen Marie; James P., a graduate of Georgetown University, and a veteran of the World War, having served as a lieutenant in the artillery, now practicing law in Erie; Louis T., Jr., also a World War veteran, engaged in business with his father; May T., lives in Erie; Ruth A., a student at the University of Philadelphia; Elizabeth, married Harry Harvey, lives in Erie; and Marion C., lives in Erie.

Politically, Mr. Rossiter is a Democrat. He is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and is among the dependable business men of his community.

Richard E. Ford, who is successfully engaged in the insurance and bond business, is a member of one of Erie's most prominent pioneer families. He was born there July 16, 1881, and is the son of the late Jerry and Catherine (Lang) Ford.

Jerry Ford and the Erie Herald grew up together. He printed the first newspaper in July, 1878, and with very few exceptions got out every issue until the last day of June, 1918, when his active career ceased. Mr. Ford was born in Bristol, England, in 1854, where his parents had moved from County Cork, Ireland, on their way to America. He arrived in this country at the age of three months. He learned the printer's trade under John Bayliss of Philadelphia on the Erie Republican. At the age of 15 years he worked on the Erie Dispatch, and later went to Cleveland, and from there to Pittsburgh, where he was employed by James Bullock, the inventor of the Webb press, which revolutionized the newspaper printing business. Later he worked for Walter Scott, inventor of the Scott press, and later was associated with Elder Goss, who also became a great manufacturer of printing presses, and whose machine Mr. Ford operated during the last ten years of his life. His next position was as an expert with the Campbell Press Company of New York City, placing machinery, and also served as a factory inspector. During this time his parents lived in Erie and while on one of his frequent visits there, his mother persuaded him to locate in Erie, which he did. His first work was to move a press for the Lake Shore Visitor, owned by Father Casey and

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Bishop Mullen. He operated this press for some time, after which he began the publication of the Erie Herald. The first copy was printed in the basement of the old Lafayette Hotel on French Street, between Fourth and Fifth Streets. The press was later moved to the basement of the Scott Building, and when the present building at State and 10th Streets was occupied, Mr. Ford superintended the moving of the machinery without missing an edition of the paper. At that time he was superintendent of the printing department and for some time it was the largest printing concern between New York City and Chicago.

Mr. Ford died on Nov. 16, 1918. He was a member of the Typographical Union and a charter member of the Pressmen Union and one of the delegates to the first convention. He served as president of the local chapter in 1878. Mr. Ford's widow still resides in the old homestead in Erie. They were the parents of ten children, four of whom are now living, as follows: Mrs. John A. Becker, a sketch of whom appears in this history; Richard E., the subject of this sketch; Everett J., employed on the Erie Dispatch-Herald; and Miss Ruth E., a nationally famed contralto, now singing in concert. Those deceased are Mary A., Zetta, Jerry W., Harry L., Lottie, and John Seymour.

Mr. Ford was a life-long Democrat and president of the first ward Democratic Club, which was a power in city politics in the early nineties. He was a member of the Board of Education. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, but was later identified with St. Peter's Cathedral congregation.

Richard E. Ford received his education in Erie, where he has always lived. In 1913 he became interested in the insurance and real estate business and was located at 1120 State Street, where he remained until 1920. He now has offices in the Marine National Bank Building, where he carries on a large volume of business in insurance and bonds.

On Aug. 21, 1906, Mr. Ford was united in marriage with Miss Helen Retzbach, of Erie, and the daughter of Edmund and Barbara (Anthony) Retzbach, natives of Germany and leading pioneer citizens of Erie, having come here in 1869. To Mr. and Mrs. Ford the following children have been born: Helen, died at the age of four years; Natalie, a student in Academy High School; Virginia and Richard Jerry.

Mr. Ford is a Democrat, a member of St. James Catholic Church, and belongs to the Elks and Eagle lodges, the Knights of Columbus, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Erie Motor Club. He is an enterprising and prominent business man of Erie.

William F. Egan. One of the citizens of Erie who has made his own way and built up a substantial business by his own initiative and enterprise is William F. Egan, owner of the American Heating and Plumbing Company. He was born in Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1889, and is the son of Fred W. and Margaret (Cantillion) Egan.

Thomas Egan, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, migrated from Ireland to Canada in 1835 and settled at Hamilton, Ont. He served throughout the Civil War with the Union Army and died at the age of 89 years, while serving the government at Washington, D. C. His son, Fred W., was born in Ontario, Canada. He has been interested in the plumbing and heating business during his entire life and now lives retired at Jamestown, Pa. In 1915 Mr. Egan settled in Erie and with his son established the present business. Margaret (Cantillion) Egan, also a native of Canada, is now deceased.

William F. Egan attended the schools of Pittsburgh and at an early age became interested in the plumbing and heating business. He specializes in the installation of heating plants, as well as the plumbing for same.

On Feb. 8, 1910, Mr. Egan was married at Washington, D. C., to Miss Mabel Clara Hammers, of Bellevue, Pa. They have three children: Fred, born in 1912; Clyde, born in 1913; and Perry, born in 1916.

Mr. Egan and his family hold membership in St. Paul's Episcopal Church and he belongs to the Masonic and Elk lodges and the Chamber of Commerce.

Albert Veit is among the prominent pioneer business men of Erie, where he has engaged in the restaurant business for many years. He was born in this city, Oct. 8, 1865, and is the son of Tobias and Anna Elizabeth (Hoffman) Veit.

Tobias Veit was a native of Neupfoltz, Bavaria, where he was born Dec. 6, 1828. He worked on his father's farm until 1848, when he came to the United States, locating in Erie in October of that year. He was employed as a moulder at several foundries in Erie until 1888, when he purchased Jacob Kaltenbach's restaurant. He continued the business until May, 1894, when it was purchased by his sons, Albert and Bernard. Mr. Veit was married in November, 1851, to Anna Elizabeth Hoffman, daughter of Adam Hoffman, also of Neupfoltz, Bavaria. Mr. Veit died in 1917 and is buried in Trinity cemetery, Erie. His wife is also deceased. They

had five children: Albert, the subject of this sketch; Bernard, deceased, was elected mayor of Erie in 1915, but died before beginning his term of office; Maggie, married Peter Leiss; Teckla, the widow of Louis Knaf; and Lena, married Patrick Foley.

Albert Veit has always lived in Erie. After attending the public schools he engaged in the restaurant business with his father, in which he has since been successfully engaged. His restaurant is located at 154 East 18th Street.

On July 30, 1918, Mr. Veit was married to Miss Marie Oehnnestteter, a native of France. They have no children.

Mr. Veit is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and belongs to the Elks and Eagles lodges.

Alfred P. Lang is among the highly esteemed and well known residents of Erie, where he has spent practically his entire life. He was born at Girard, Pa., Sept. 20, 1868, and is the son of Jacob and Mary (Weiblein) Lang.

Jacob Lang and his wife were natives of Germany. He settled in Girard, Pa., many years ago and conducted a meat market there until 1874, when he removed to Erie and engaged in the same business. He died in October, 1890, at the age of 48 years and his wife, a daughter of Gotleib Weiblein, died in 1890 also. Mr. and Mrs. Lang had four children: Alfred P., the subject of this sketch; Ollie, wife of E. Smith, lives in Erie; Oscar was killed in a railroad accident while in the employ of the New York Central Railroad as a conductor; and Fredericka, twin sister of Oscar, married W. W. Johnson, of Buffalo, N. Y., and she is deceased.

Alfred P. Lang was six years of age when his parents removed to Erie, and he was educated in the public schools here. He engaged in business with his father for a number of years, later he became interested in the summer resort business at Four Mile Creek, and in 1907 entered the employ of the Erie Street Railway Company as a motorman. Since 1912 he has served as an inspector for this company. He lives at 1841 East Lake Road.

On June 26, 1890, Mr. Lang was united in marriage with Miss Addie Little, of Mill Creek, Pa., and the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Landon) Little. To them were born five children, as follows: Mary E.,married Stephen Schimeck, and she died at the age of 25 years, in 1916, leaving a daughter, Melverta; Alfred, Jr., died in 1916, while serving in the U. S.

Navy, in the Chelsea Hospital, Boston, Mass.; Ethel, married Ernest Forest, lives in Erie, and has four children, Ernest, Gladys, Melvia, and Betty Mae; Emory, married Josephine Childs, lives in Erie, and they have two children, Alfred and Norma; and Lavina, born in 1912, a student at East High School, Erie.

Politically, Mr. Lang is a Republican. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and belongs to the Elks and Moose lodges, the Woodmen of the World, Maccabees, East Erie Turners and the Eagles.

Joseph M. Schilling, a member of the State Legislature, ranks among the prominent and influential citizens of Erie. He was born at Ashland, Pa., Aug. 25, 1881, and is the son of John B. and Carolina (Schodt) Schilling.

John B. Schilling was born at New Philadelphia, Pa., March 25, 1856, and his wife was a native of Ashland, Pa., born in 1858. He died in 1898. During his life Mr. Schilling worked at his trade as carpenter and was later a member of the police force. To Mr. and Mrs. Schilling the following children were born: Harry, lives at Spokane, Wash.; Mary, married Joseph F. George, lives at 1407 Morse Avenue, Erie; Frederick G., married Mabel Gussman, lives at 613½ East 11th Street, Erie; Caroline, married Daniel F. Layden, lives at 2521 Reed Street, Erie; John, lives at 2521 Reed Street, Erie; Elizabeth, married T. J. Keady, lives at Lawton, Okla.; Madaline, married Thomas F. Canavan, lives at 206 East Fourth Street, Erie; and Joseph M., the subject of this sketch..

Joseph M. Schilling began his business career in the coal mines of Pennsylvania as a slate picker. He attended the public schools of Ashland, Pa., and later learned the machinist's trade in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was also a clerk for the C. S. Marks & Company for six years. In 1916 Mr. Schilling was made manager and secretary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 282, in which capacity he served as manager until 1922. He is now secretary.

In 1918 Mr. Schilling was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and has served four terms of two years each, having been elected every two years on the Democratic and Republican tickets.

On June 23, 1902, Mr. Schilling married Miss Mary Barbara Johannes, a native of Erie, born Oct. 27, 1881, and the daughter of Adam and Mary (Straub) Johannes, residents of Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Schilling two children were born: Marie C., married in February, 1923, to Edward

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Senger, and they have a son, Joseph J. Senger; and Joseph J., born Nov. 11, 1904, a student at Notre Dame University.

Mr. Schilling and his family hold membership in the Catholic Church and he is identified with the following clubs and lodges: Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 282, Erie, of which he is secretary, deputy grand president for eight years, and state president for 1924-5; Knights of Columbbus, No. 278; Elks, No. 67, Erie; Loyal Order of Moose, No. 66, Erie; Erie Maennerchor; Fraternal Order of Orioles of Erie; East Erie Turners; South Erie Turners; Star Athletic Club; Siebenburger Singing Society and the Cascade Park Club, and the Erie Arbeiter Singing Society.

Benjamin F. Chambers, vice president of the Bank of Wesleyville, is a member of a prominent pioneer family of Erie Conuty, and the owner of one of the valuable old homesteads in this section. He was born on this farm, March 19, 1873, and is the son of Cassius M. and Maria (Funston) Chambers.

Cassius M. Chambers was born in Harbor Creek Township, July 1, 1845, and died July 1, 1915. He was the son of Benjamin Chambers, who was born in Chambersburg, Pa., and who in 1802 removed to Harbor Creek Township, Erie County, with his parents, Ezekiel and Rebecca (Custard) Chambers. Here he was married to Philanda Sewell, who was born in Rome, N. Y., in 1807. In 1852 they removed to the present Chambers homestead now owned by Benjamin F., the subject of this sketch.

Cassius M. Chambers followed general farming and fruit growing during his entire life and met with marked success. He was married on Dec. 10, 1869, to Miss Maria Funston, a cousin of General Funston, who was born in DeWitt, N. Y., and the daughter of Thomas and Maria E. (Hamilton) Funston, from Connecticut. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Chambers were: Jessie, married Wilford Bliley, lives at Wesleyville, Pa.; Benjamin F., the subject of this sketch; Clara B., married W. O. Smith, lives in Erie; and one child died in infancy. Mrs. Cassius M. Chambers lives just across the road from her son, Benjamin F.

Benjamin F. Chambers received his education in the schools of Wesleyville and Harbor Creek and attended Erie Business College. When a young man he engaged in business in Erie, where he conducted a bicycle shop for several years. Later, he returned to the old homestead, where he has since remained. He has dealt in real estate extensively and is also vice-president of the Bank of Wesleyville, which was organized in 1920.

The officers are: R. W. Sapper, president; Benjamin F. Chambers, vice-president; and M. Carlson, cashier. Since its organization its capital stock has been increased from $25,000 to $50,000 and its surplus from $5,000 to $10,000.

On March 25, 1902, Mr. Chambers was united in marriage with Miss Clara L. Kern, of Erie, and the daughter of Charles and Louise (Smith) Kern. Mr. Kern now resides in Erie, Pa. His wife died Jan. 18, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers have four children: Benjamin F., Jr., a student at Western Reserve Academy; Donald, Robert and Anna.

Mr. Chambers has been a life long Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Elks lodge. He is a public spirited citizen and holds the high regard of all who know him.

John E. O'Brien, who is connected with the O'Brien Printing Company, Erie, was born in this city, June 14, 1884, and is the son of John J. and Mary (Kinney) O'Brien.

John J. O'Brien, founder of the O'Brien Printing Company in 1886, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1860. At the age of ten years his parents removed to Erie, where he spent the remainder of his life. When a young man he learned the printer's trade and established the business now continued by his sons. He died in 1919 and his wife, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., died in 1918, at the age of 59 years. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien had five children: John E., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. W. C. Quirk, lives in Erie; Edna D., lives in Erie; Rose C., lives in Erie; and Paul M., lives in Erie, mention of whom is made below.

John E. O'Brien was reared and educated in Erie. He and his brother Paul M., are now owners of the printing business, which ranks among the leading concerns of its kind in the city. They specialize in general job printing. The place of business is located at 426 French Street.

On Oct. 26, 1921, Mr. O'Brien was married to Miss Gertrude Murphy, of Erie, and a daughter of Nicholas and Catherine (Slattery) Murphy.

Mr. O'Brien is a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and Elks lodge. He is a substantial citizen of Erie, who by inheritance and training is energetic and capable.

Paul M. O'Brien was married Nov. 4, 1915, to Hazel C. Noble, of Erie, and a daughter of Fred D. and Belle (Rice) Noble. Mr. Noble died Dec. 2, 1924, and his wife resides in Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. O'Brien have a son, Paul M. Jr., born in 1917.

Orson J. Graham is a prominent young attorney of Erie and a veteran of the World War. He was born at Oil City, Pa., May 20, 1894, and is a son of Lyman L. and Nettie (Barnes) Graham.

Lyman L. Graham was born at Lincolnville, Crawford County, Pa. He spent a number of years in Meadville and in 1889 removed to Oil City, engaging in the oil business and in 1890 became affiliated with the South Penn Oil Company. In 1908 he became the head of the Lease, Title and Claim Department and later became vice-president of the United Natural Gas Company. Mr. Graham retired from business in January, 1925. He lives at Meadville, Pa. Nettie Barnes Graham was a native of Meadville. She died at the age of 46 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Graham the following children were born: Wallace Frederick, died at the age of 14 years; Orson J., the subject of this sketch; Mortimer Elliott, who completed a law course in Philadelphia, in June, 1925, and then began the practice of law in Erie; and Constance Virginia, a student at Milwaukee-Downer College. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Graham was married to Miss Sarah Counselman, a native of Crawford County, Pa.

Orson J. Graham is the grandson of James Graham, one of Crawford County's most prominent citizens. The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools of Oil City and was graduated from Allegheny College in 1915, and from the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1919. He has since been identified with the law firm of Gunnison, Fish, Gifford & Chapin, one of the most prominent law firms in the city. On Sept. 28, 1921, Mr. Graham was appointed United States Commissioner by the District Courts of the United States for the Western District of Western Pennsylvania, and served in this capacity until January, 1924, when he was appointed First Assistant District Attorney of Erie County.

Two weeks after the outbreak of the World War, Mr. Graham enlisted in the reserve officers corps at Fort Niagara, N. Y., and on Aug. 15, 1917, was commissioned first lieutenant and assigned to duty with Company I, 315th Infantry, 79th Division, which trained at Camp Meade, Md. He was sent overseas in July, 1918, and took part in the final engagements of the war. While in action on Sept. 28, 1918, he was gassed and sent to a base hospital, where he was confined until Nov. 25, 1918. He was discharged from service, Jan. 5, 1919.

In 1920, Mr. Graham was married to Miss Louise Renner, of Cambridge Springs, Pa., and the daughter of Peter and Clara (Cummings) Renner. Mr. Renner is deceased and his wife resides in Erie. She has two daugh-

ters, Mrs. Graham and Dorothy, who married Frederick St. Clair, and they live in Pittsburgh, Pa. Mrs. Graham was graduated from Milwaukee-Downer College in 1914 and before her marriage taught music in the public schools of Crawford and McKean counties, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Graham have a daughter, Barbara Louise.

Mr. Graham is a Republican, a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the American Legion, University Club, and Erie Tennis Club. He is well known in Erie County and has many friends.

Dr. Oscar W. Renz is a prominent young physician and surgeon of Erie, where he was born July 3, 1892. He is the son of George F. and Maud A. (Lutz) Renz.

George F. Renz was born in Erie, July 12, 1867, and died May 8, 1917. He was well known in Erie and served as foreman of the Jarecki Manufacturing Company for many years. On Sept. 24, 1891, he was married to Miss Maud A. Lutz, who was born in Erie, July 5, 1872, the daughter of Jacob and Bridget Lutz. The Lutz family is among the leading pioneer families of this section.

Dr. Oscar W. Renz attended the public schools of Erie and was graduated from Central High School in 1910. In 1915 he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore, and spent the following year as an interne in St. Vincent's Hospital. He was then located in New York City for two years as a surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and in 1918 he began the practice of medicine and surgery in Erie at 2210 Parade Street.

Doctor Renz is identified with the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and the Erie County Medical Society. He is a Republican, a member of St. John's Catholic Church and belongs to the University Club and the Elks Lodge. He is a member of St. Vincent's surgical staff and is a progressive man in his profession.

I. A. Hain is an enterprising young business man of Erie, where he is proprietor of the Penn Electric Company. He was born at Wernersville, Berks County, Pa., Jan. 21, 1891, and is the son of Lewis J. and Ellen (Hain) Hain.

Lewis J. Hain was born at Wernersville, Pa., in 1864 and has spent his entire life there. He owns 400 acres of well improved land and besides

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his farming interests is engaged in the coal and feed business. His wife is also a native of that place. To Mr. and Mrs. Hain two children were born: I. A., the subject of this sketch; and William, authorized Chevrolet dealer, Reading, Pa.

I. A. Hain was graduated from the public and high schools of Wernersville and Westchester State Normal School. Later he attended Temple University, Philadelphia. In 1912 he entered the employ of the Philadelphia Gas Company and two years later became connected with the Illuminating Company of Cleveland. After several years he returned to his father's farm and in 1918 settled in Erie, where he became associated with the General Electric Company. Since 1921 he has engaged in his present business at 11-17 East 5th Street. Mr. Hain renders a complete battery service, making a specialty of Westinghouse batteries. He also handles radios and supplies.

On Dec. 26, 1913, Mr. Hain was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Shimer, of Delaware County, Pa., and to them a daughter was born, Sarah. On Dec. 18, 1924, Mr. Hain was married to Mrs. Louis C. Schiefferle, of Erie.

Mr. Hain is a Republican, a member of the First Baptist Church, the Erie Maennerchor and the I. O. O. F., Lake Shore lodge No. 718, Erie, Pa.

J. Russell, a well known and substantial citizen of Erie, was born at Hooker, Pa., Feb. 25, 1851, and is the son of Andrew and Phoebe (Jordan) Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Russell, deceased, were natives of Pennsylvania. Their only child is J. Russell, the subject of this sketch.

J. Russell spent his boyhood at Hooker, Pa., and attended the public schools there. He was graduated from the School of Pharmacy, Pittsburgh, after which he engaged in the drug business at Sunbury, Pa., for four years. From there he went to Pittsburgh and later to Clarendon, Pa., where he was employed by A. W. Storry. In 1890 Mr. Russell removed to Erie, and in 1896 established a drug business on Buffalo Road. From 1905 until 1925 he conducted a drug store which is known as the East Side Pharmacy. Mr. Russell handled a complete line of drugs, sundries, stationery, tobacco, etc. He is also a prescription specialist, and had an extensive business.

In 1874 Mr. Russell was married to Miss Amy J. Campbell, of Hooker, Pa. They are the parents of the following children: Winifred, deceased; Mrs. S. J. Drown, whose husband is a member of the firm of Drown-Rus-

sell, leading real estate operators of Erie; Maggie, married Dr. William Dill, a physician, Erie; John H., a member of the firm of Drown-Russell; and Dr. J. A. M. Russell, a prominent physician of Erie, with offices at 206 Masonic Temple Building.

Mr. Russell is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Royal Arcanum.

J. T. Noonan, president of the Noonan Printing Company, Inc., is well known in Erie, both as a successful business man and as an excellent citizen. He was born in this city, Oct. 24, 1860, and is the son of D. and Mary (Leahy) Noonan.

D. Noonan was born in Ireland, and at the age of 14 years came to this country. He was employed by the government in the navy yards at Brooklyn, N. Y., for eight years, and in 1858 removed to Erie, where he served in the same capacity. He died at the age of 70 years, and his wife is also deceased. They were the parents of 12 children.

After completing his schooling in Erie, J. T. Noonan learned the printer's trade while in the employ of the Erie Daily Dispatch. Five years later he became connected with the Ashby & Vincent Printing Company, and in 1904 engaged in business for himself at 1104 State Street. Later he engaged in the printing business at 701 State Street, where he is now lacted. The Noonan Printing Company does commercial job printing.

Mr. Noonan is affiliated with the Eagle and Moose lodges and belongs to the Typographical Union and the Chamber of Commerce.

Archie W. Mang is well and favorably known in Erie, where he conducts Mang's Kodak Studio. He is a native of Conneautville, Pa., born Jan. 5, 1885, and a son of Henry L. and Mary (Watters) Mang.

Henry L. Mang is a native of Titusville, Pa., and his wife was born in Conneautville, Pa. He was a stationary engineer during his active life and is now retired, living at Conneautville, where he has spent the greater part of his life. Archie W., the subject of this sketch, is their only child.

Archie W. Mang received his early education in the schools of Erie and was later a student at Conneautville, his family having lived in Erie for several years. Mr. Mang studied electrical engineering, in which he engaged for several years, later becoming interested in the kodak business

with Walter Kiedisch, in Erie. In January, 1923, he became sole owner of the business. Mr. Mang is staff photographer for the Erie Times.

Mr. Mang was married in June, 1909, to Miss Mabel Cappers, and they have a son, Alanson W., born June 8, 1915.

Mr. Mang is a Republican, a member of the Unity Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

James A. Evans, a prominent business man and substantial citizen of Erie, was born in this city, Oct. 31, 1872, and is the son of Conrad B. and Charlotte E. (Love) Evans.

Conrad B. Evans was born in Mill Creek Township, Erie County, in 1838. He was an extensive land owner and successful farmer and died in 1900. He was a veteran of the Civil War having served with the 111th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His wife, also a native of Mill Creek Township, was born in 1847 and died in 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Evans were the parents of nine children, one of whom being James A., the subject of this sketch.

James A. Evans attended the district schools of Mill Creek Township and after his graduation from Erie High School, he entered the University of Michigan, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1900. He was then made assistant chemist at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and while serving in that capacity was also City Gas Inspector. In March, 1904, Mr. Evans founded the Erie Laboratory, which is located at 1519 French Street. He does general analytical and consultation work and specializes on the analyses of ores, iron, steel, coal, paints, oils, water, food products, fertilizers, etc. Since 1904 Mr. Evans has served as one of the State Chemists of Pennsylvania.

On June 17, 1902, Mr. Evans was united in marriage with Miss E. May Bickle, of Chardon, Ohio. They have four children: Janet, born May 30, 1903, graduated from Mount Holyoke College, Mass., in 1925; Gertrude, born Aug. 27, 1906, a student at Mount Holyoke College; Allison B., born Aug. 29, 1910, a student at Erie High School; and Winifred M., born March 26, 1914, a student at Gridley Junior High School.

Mr. Evans is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of which he has been an Elder for 17 years, and he is also a 33rd degree Mason. He has been identified with the American Chemical Society since 1900. Mr. Evans and his family have always ranked among the representative citizens of the county and have many friends.

Joe E. Rhea is recognized as one of the representative business men of Erie where he is engaged in the brokerage business. He is a native of Forney, Texas, where he was born Aug. 3, 1882, the son of R. P. and Nannie Belle (Burts) Rhea.

R. P. Rhea is a prominent citizen of Dallas, Texas. He located there after 45 years in the mercantile business at Forney, Texas, and he is now among the leading cotton merchants, shippers and brokers of Dallas.

Joe E. Rhea was educated in the public schools of Forney, Lewis Academy, and Sherman College, Texas. After several years in the investment business in Kansas City, Mr. Rhea returned to Dallas, where he volunteered for service during the World War. He served with the marines for two and one half years and held the rank as auditor to the paymaster's department. During the war he was stationed at New York, Virgin Islands and South America, and was discharged May 15, 1919. He then represented the J. D. Webb Company, investment brokers of Chicago, the Motor Mortgage Company of Pittsburgh, having charge of their New York business, and in 1922 Mr. Rhea located in Erie. He specializes in hotel securities, and recently disposed of a quarter of a million dollars worth of stock in Erie of the New Roosevelt Hotel in New York City.

On June 4, 1920, Mr. Rhea was united in marriage with Miss Mabelle Larson of Chicago, and they have two children, Mabelle Lenox, born July 17, 1922, and Joseph E., Jr., born Friday, Feb. 13, 1925. Mrs. Rhea is a daughter of Benjamin Larson, a prominent Chicago building contractor.

Mr. Rhea is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic and Elks lodges, the Knights of Pythias, and the Y. M. C. A. He is well and favorably known in Erie and has many friends.

F. D. Krum, manager of the Pennsylvania Gas Company, is among the highly esteemed and prominent business men of Erie. He was born at Danville, Pa., Nov. 17, 1874, and is the son of Benjamin and Matilda (Nuss) Krum.

Benjamin Krum was born in Montour County, Pa., in 1839. He followed the blacksmith and millwrights trades for a number of years and was also a farmer. His wife died in 1893 and he died in June, 1922. They were the parents of five children.

F. D. Krum received his education in the schools of Watsontown, Pa., and when a young boy learned the moulder's trade. After taking a course

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in business and banking at Lancaster, Pa., he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1900, with whom he remained for eight years. He has since been identified with the Pennsylvania Gas Company in Erie and has been local manager since 1917.

On Feb. 16, 1916, Mr. Krum was united in marriage in New York city with Miss Maud Jessie Stuart, of Erie, and a daughter of Frank and Jennie B. (Caldwell) Stuart. Mr. Stuart is deceased and his widow resides in Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Krum have no children.

Mr. Krum is a Republican and belongs to a number of Masonic bodies, Rotary Club, Erie Chamber of Commerce, Natural Gas Association of America, and Lawrence Park Golf Club. His wife is a member of the Christian Science Church of Erie.

Charles H. LeJeal, proprietor of the LeJeal Automotive Service, 1721 Sassafras Street, is one of Erie's representative business men and prominent citizens. He was born in this city, Aug. 27, 1873, and is the son of John and Mary (Weis) LeJeal.

John LeJeal was born in Buffalo, N. Y., in October, 1847. He was among the earliest settlers of Erie and for many years was successfully engaged in business here, as a dealer in musical instruments. He retired in 1904, but is still active in the tuning of pianos and organs. His wife was a native of Pennsylvania, born July 22, 1852, and died Dec. 17, 1907. Her remains are buried in Lakeside cemetery, Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. LeJeal were born four children: Charles H., the subject of this sketch; Beatrice, lives with her father in Erie; Archie, conducts the musical business originally established by his father, and is now located at 1023 State Street, Erie; and Irene, married Frank Sturtevant, manager of the Kahkwa Club, Erie.

Charles H. LeJeal was educated in the public schools and was associated in business with his father until he was 19 years of age, when he engaged in the bicycle business at 1617 Peach Street. Two years later he removed to 1507 Sassafras Street and finally to his present location. Mr. LeJeal was the first man in Erie who had an air compressor installed for the purpose of inflating auomobile and bicycle tires. In 1899 he became interested in automobile repair work and the following year built a steam automobile in which he made the trip to the Pan-American Exposition held in Buffalo in 1901. When he arrived in Buffalo he could not find a garage in which to put his car, so he was obliged to rent storage space

in a livery stable. He was the first man in Erie to make an application for a building permit to erect a garage, and when he made application for it they did not know how to make such an application out. Mr. LeJeal, at the age of 13 years, built an electric motor as an experiment, and later built electric motors for various uses, some of which are still in use. Mr. LeJeal's business continued under the name of the LeJeal Cycle & Mobile Works until 1922, when it became known as the LeJeal Automotive Service.

Mr. LeJeal also was a builder of marine engines several of which are used on Lake Erie and are giving continual service. While associated with his father in business Mr. LeJeal built a church organ, which was sold to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Erie, for $1,000, and he later built another intended for his own use, but later disposed of it to Sacred Heart Catholic Church for $500.

The LeJeal Automotive Service consists of the distribution of all kinds of automobile accessories and is the only speedometer service station in the city. They are local dealers for Bosch electrical products.

In 1894 Mr. LeJeal was married to Miss May C. Canby, of Erie, the daughter of Joseph and Matilda (Smiley) Canby, both deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. LeJeal two children have been born: Charles Archibald, died suddenly while riding in a motorcycle race at Corry, Pa., July 5, 1919, at the age of 19 years; and Esther May, a student at Central High School.

Politically, Mr. LeJeal is a Republican. He is a member of the Masonic order, the Zem Zem Shrine, Elk lodge and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. LeJeal is well known in Erie and is a citizen who holds the high regard of the entire community.

E. M. Evans is a prominent business man of North East and a member of one of Erie County's oldest families. He was born in Mill Creek Township, Erie County, July 24, 1882, and is the son of E. J. and Etta (Moshler) Evans.

E. J. Evans is a Civil war veteran and an honored pioneer of this section. He was born in Mill Creek Township, in 1844, and his wife was born in the same township, in April, 1848. In early life he engaged in general farming and in 1901 removed to North East after disposing of his farm. He purchased the Plubell plumbing establishment and conducted it with his son, E. M. Evans, as the North East Plumbing Company until 1919, when he sold his interest to his son and retired. He lives on West Main

Street. Mr. Evans is a Republican and an active member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has been trustee for many years. To Mr. and Mrs. Evans were born six children: Walter, died at the age of 13 months; Frank, lives at Jamestown, N. Y.; E. M., the subject of this sketch; Mary Hammer, lives at North East; and two children died in infancy.

E. M. Evans spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools. When a young man he entered the employ of E. T. Moorehead at North East, but soon became interested in the plumbing business with his father. Mr. Evans is among the reliable business men of the community and conducts one of the largest businesses at North East.

On April 20, 1903, Mr. Evans was united in marriage with Miss Emma Blakeslee of Greenfield, Erie County. They have no children.

In politics Mr. Evans is identified with the Republican party and he has held several town offices. He served as fire chief for one year and has been a member of the department for 16 years. He hold membership in the Presbyterian Church, is a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Elks lodge.

Paul B. Nelson, proprietor of the North East Laundry, is a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Erie County. He was born at Union City, Pa., Aug. 24, 1889, and is the son of John and Mary Nelson.

John Nelson was a native of Copenhagen, Denmark. At the age of 16 years he came to this country and settled in Union City, where he died in September, 1912. His wife, a native of Buffalo, N. Y., lives at North East with her son, Paul B. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were the parents of 11 children.

Paul B. Nelson spent his boyhood at Union City and attended the public schools there. When a boy he worked in the cheese factory of Charles Rockwood and later became interested in the laundry business at Union City with Clark Brown. After coming to Erie Mr. Nelson was superintendent of the laundry at Hamot Hospital and was later connected with the Troy Laundry and the Shaw Laundry, Erie. In September, 1924, he purchased his present business from Harry Obert. The North East Laundry has been in existence since 1900 and since 1914 has been in its present location, 8 Mechanic Street. It is the only business of its kind in the city and extends service to State Line, Ripley, and Westfield, N. Y.

On April 1, 1914, Mr. Nelson was married to Miss Nellie Hanson, of Union City, and a daughter of Otto and Cora (Brown) Hanson, both de-

ceased. Mr. Hanson was a native of Denmark, and his wife was born at Warren, Pa. There are two children in the Nelson family, Paul B., Jr., born March 17, 1915; and Rexford, born July 9, 1922.

Politically Mr. Nelson is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Business Mens Club of North East.

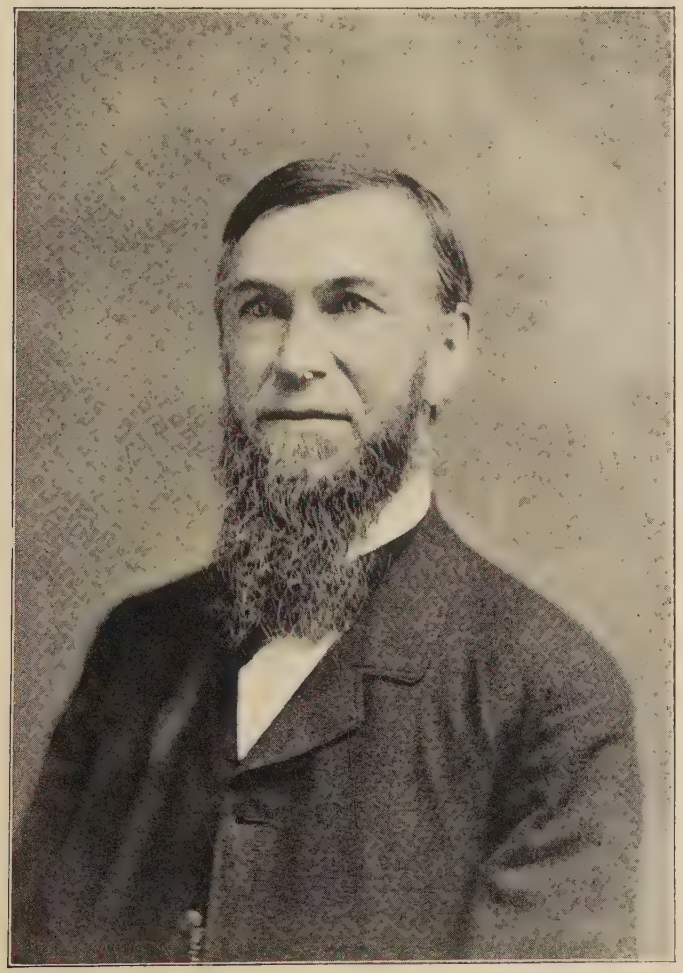
Miss Mary G. Flury, who ranks among the successful and widely known teachers of Erie, is a member of a prominent pioneer family of this county. She was born at Harbor Creek, Pa., April 15, 1869, and is the daughter of Jacob and Mary Naomi (Ward) Flury.

Jacob Flury was born at Meadville, Pa., Aug. 18, 1828, the son of Jacob and Margaret Flury, early settlers of Meadville. His wife was a native of York County, Pa., born March 15, 1832, and the daughter of John and Sarah Ward, also pioneer settlers of Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Flury, who were married at Harbor Creek, Pa., March 16, 1852, the following children were born: John J., born Oct. 27, 1853; Leon G., born Nov. 11, 1855, died Nov. 25, 1923, and is buried in Erie Cemetery; Sarah W., born June 24, 1858, died July 6, 1908, and is buried in Erie Cemetery; William H., born July 4, 1860, lives in Chicago, Ill., where he is manager of the art department of the Lester Store; Edward, born Feb. 22, 1863, a jeweler and watch maker, lives at New Buffalo, Mich.; and Mary G., the subject of this sketch.

Jacob Flury followed general farming during the greater part of his life and in 1871 removed to Erie, where he was associated with the firm of Johnston & Brevillier, wholesale grocers. He served as president of the Harbor Creek School Board for many years and was a Republican and a Mason. He died Feb. 14, 1889, and his wife died Oct. 19, 1914. They are buried in Erie Cemetery.

Miss Mary G. Flury was educated in the public schools of Erie and was graduated from Erie High School in 1887 and from Erie Normal School in 1888. Her teaching career began in School No. 4, which has since been named Burns School. Miss Flury has been a teacher in this school for 36 years and has established an excellent reputation as a teacher. She lives at 413 Peach Street.

Miss Flury is a Republican, a member of the Park Presbyterian Church, and she belongs to the Erie Teachers' Association and the League of Women Voters.



JACOB FLURY

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LeRoy A. Jerrell is a reliable and successful business man of Erie, where he is the owner of the Keystone Electrotype Company. He is a native of Indianapolis, Ind., born June 25, 1889, and the son of Charles and Rebecca (Crosby) Jerrell.

Charles Jerrell, deceased, was born at Seymour, Ind. He was a resident of Indiana during his entire life and died in 1907. His wife died in 1891. LeRoy A., the subject of this sketch, was their only child.

After completing his schooling in Indianapolis, LeRoy A. Jerrell was connected with a furniture factory in that city for a number of years. In 1917 he removed to Erie and established his present business at 123 East 17th Street.

On Nov. 16, 1910, Mr. Jerrell was married to Miss Elsa Anderson, a native of Indianapolis. They have a son, Charles C., born April 3, 1913, now a student at Garfield School.

Mr. Jerrell is an independent voter. He is affiliated with the Masonic lodge and is a substantial citizen of his community.

Arthur Dill is a prominent young business man of North East, where he is identified with the Mitchell & Dill Company, authorized Ford dealers. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 4, 1893, and is a son of Edward and Rose (McLean) Dill.

Edward Dill, deceased, was a native of Cleveland and for a number of years engaged in the hotel business there. His wife is also deceased. They had five children: Gertrude, lives in Cleveland; Rome, lives at Lorain, Ohio; Helen, lives in Elyria, Ohio; Charles, deceased; and Arthur, the subject of this sketch.

Arthur Dill received his education in the public schools of Lorain, Ohio, and at an early age engaged in the clothing business there. In 1921 he became connected with the John W. Schmauck Company, Ford agents, as a salesman. In 1924 with G. R. Mitchell he purchased the agency of Ralph P. Wells at North East. Mr. Wells had been authorized Ford agent here since 1917. During their first year of business the Mitchell & Dill Company has a record of selling 300 cars, 75 tractors, and 24 trucks.

On Feb. 23, 1916, Mr. Dill was married at Lorain, Ohio, to Miss Blossom Kortz, a native of Cleveland, and they have two children; Myrtle, born Dec. 4, 1917; and Jack, born June 22, 1923.

Mr. Dill is widely known and stands well in the esteem of his many friends and acquaintances.

Benjamin H. Wells, vice-president of the Mitchell & Dill Company, is a progressive business man of North East and a veteran of the World War. He was born here June 30, 1889, and is a son of William D. and Mildred (Miller) Wells.

William D. Wells was a native of Wesleyville, Pa., born in 1852. When a boy he learned the blacksmith's and wagonmaker's trade, which he followed successfully for 40 years. He died Dec. 25, 1913, and is buried in North East cemetery. His wife, a native of Canada, resides with her daughter in North East. Mr. and Mrs. Wells had four children: William, deceased; John D., lives at Buffalo, N. Y.; Helen Nash, lives at North East; and B. H., the subject of this sketch.

After attending the public and high schools of North East, B. H. Wells attended Bryant & Stratton's College, Buffalo, and Davis Business College, Erie. He then entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad and later engaged in the real estate business at North East. Since 1917 Mr. Wells has been interested in the automobile business. He served throughout the World War with the 418th Telegraph Battalion, a year of which was spent in France.

On Oct. 10, 1912, Mr. Wells was united in marriage with Miss Harriet A. Backus, of North East, the daughter of Andrew M. and Mary (Moorehead) Backus, both deceased.

Politically Mr. Wells is a Republican. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic and Elks lodges, the American Legion, and the Sons of Veterans.

Henry J. Reibs is a member of the firm of Reibs Brothers, of North East, where he is successfully engaged in the grocery business. He was born here, Feb. 14, 1883, and is the son of Ferdinand and Fredericka (Wagner) Reibs.

Ferdinand Reibs was born in Germany, March 5, 1850, the son of Henry and Sophia (Gorndt) Reibs. After receiving a public school education and spending three years in learning the grocery business in Germany, he came to the United States in 1867. After spending three years in Nebraska, Mr. Reibs located at North East in 1871, where in 1881 he established a grocery business now conducted by his sons. He died in 1908 and his wife, also a native of Germany, died Aug. 22, 1918. They are buried in the North East cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Reibs had four children: Louisa, married S. B. Eix, lives in Ontario, Canada; John F.;

H. J., the subject of this sketch; and Carl, a partner in the grocery business.

H. J. and Carl Reibs were reared and educated in North East and at their father's death in 1908 the mother became owner of the business established by him. Since the death of the mother, in 1918, the business has been conducted by the brothers. It is one of the oldest concerns in the city and has an excellent trade.

On July 16, 1912, H. J. Reibs was married to Miss Caroline Meehl, of North East, and they have a daughter, Anita, born in 1923.

Carl Reibs was married June 4, 1916, to Miss Emma A. Rohmann, of Erie, and they have three children: Mary Louise, born in 1917; Martha, born in 1919; and John Henry, born in 1923.

Messrs. Reibs are Republicans and members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. They are substantial citizens of Erie County and favorably known.

Dr. Melvin L. Adams, a competent physician and progressive citizen of North East, is a member of one of Erie County's oldest and most prominent pioneer families. He was born in Wayne Township, Erie County, Nov. 9, 1862, and is the son of Chester and Mary (Amidon) Adams.

The Adams family is descended from English ancestry, the mother was of French descent, and settled in Massachusetts in 1634. Chester Adams was born in New York in 1838 and settled in Erie County in 1865. He was a conspicuous figure in connection with the agricultural development of Erie County from the initial stages, and his name was familiar to a great majority of the settlers in this portion of the state. He died in 1912 and his wife, who was born at Clymer, N. Y., died in 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Adams had two children: Frank I., who lives on the old homestead in Wayne Township; and M. L., the subject of this sketch.

M. L. Adams was educated in the district schools of Wayne Township and after teaching for several years entered the Homeopathic College, Cleveland, from which he received his degree in 1888. He then practiced his profession in Corry until 1891 when he removed to Maryville, N. Y. Dr. Adams came to North East in 1901, where he has a well established practice. He is a skilled physician and widely known throughout Erie County.

On July 3, 1890, Dr. Adams was united in marriage with Miss Mary Fisk, the daughter of Col. H. C. and Mary Elizabeth (Nichols) Fisk, both

deceased. Col. Fisk served throughout the Civil War as a colonel of the 65th New York Regiment. He founded the Genessee Free Press, the first newspaper of the Genessee Valley. To Dr. and Mrs. Adams three children were born: Dr. Henry Fisk Adams, born April 24, 1893, a graduate of the Medical School of Boston University, and World War veteran, engaged in the practice of medicine at Braintree, Mass., married Miss Charlotte Bezanson, of Boston, and they have a daughter, Marion, born April 19, 1923; Frances F., who will be graduated from Sargeant School, Boston, Mass., in 1925; and Mary Nichols, a student at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Adams is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

George P. Miller is one of Erie County's most honored pioneer citizens. He has served as county tax collector for 23 years and is widely known in Erie, where he has spent his entire life. He was born March 21, 1852, and is the son of Frederick A. and Minnie (Jensen) Miller.

Frederick A. Miller was born in Denmark, May 19, 1810, and his wife, also a native of that country, was born Sept. 21, 1811. At an early age they came to this country and settled in Erie, where Mr. Miller worked as a shipbuilder during the remaining years of his life. He was a Civil War veteran and died many years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, who are buried in Erie Cemtery, were well known citizens of this section.

George P. Miller grew to manhood in Erie and attended West Ward School. When a young boy he learned the barber trade, which he followed for 37 years. In 1902 he was appointed county tax collector for the fourth ward of Erie. In 1889 he was elected school director and held that office three years.

On Sept. 10, 1874, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Magdalene Fischer, of Erie, born Oct. 27, 1855, and the daughter of Capt. John and Catherine (Diefenbach) Fischer, natives of Germany. Captain Fischer served throughout the Civil War also. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sept. 10, 1924. They are the parents of the following children: Minnie E., lives at home with her parents; William F., was a druggist, died in Erie, Nov. 11, 1923; Catherine J., married Victor F. Altermatt, lives at 307 Peach Street, Erie; Selma R., died April 15, 1886; George John, died May 1, 1886; and Edwin O., lives at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two grandchildren: George Victor Altermatt, born Sept. 21, 1904, a student at the University of Detroit; and

GEORGE P. MILLER

Betty M. Altermatt, born March 14, 1906, was graduated from Central High School in 1925.

Mr. Miller is a Republican, a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Miller family is representative of the best citizenship in the county.

Walter R. Briggs, a well known garage owner of North East, and agent for the Chevrolet automobile, is a leading business man of that section. He was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., March 10, 1886, and is the son of L. V. and Alene (Rickerson) Briggs.

L. V. Briggs was born in Ohio in 1847 and his wife is a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1852. He engaged in general farming and stock raising until 1916, when he retired and moved to Corry. He is a Republican and served as a member of the school board for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs have five children: Elizabeth, deceased; Perley, deceased; Bertha, a widow, lives at Columbus, Pa.; Walter R., the subject of this sketch; and one child died in infancy.

Walter R. Briggs received his education in the public schools, after which he taught school. He later entered the employ of the Erie postoffice as a carrier, in which capacity he served for 14 years. In 1919 he removed to North East where he has since had the Chevrolet agency. He also carries a complete line of accessories and tires.

On June 3, 1908, Mr. Briggs was married to Miss Florence Harrison, of Franklin Township, McKean County, Pa., and a daughter of Almond and Fannie Harrison, both deceased. They have no children.

Mr. Briggs is a Republican, a member of the Masonic lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Dr. Burton Hill Putnam, who lives retired at North East, is among the representative citizens of Erie County, where he engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery for 45 years with exceptional honor and ability. He was born on a farm nine miles south of Westfield, N. Y., Sept. 12, 1849, and is the son of George Washington and Alpha (Vanvliet) Putnam.

The Putnam family came to America from England about 1634. The old Putnam estate lies 40 miles due east of Oxford, England, and is now owned by the Rothchilds. The Putnam Church, built between 1280 and 1300, still stands as a monument to the Putnam family and is also owned by the Rothchilds, and is used as the home of the manager of this large

estate. Jacob Putnam, grandfather of our subject, settled in Vermont and later in Chautauqua County, N. Y., where he built a large dam over the Chautauqua Creek. This mill was operated many years. Mr. Putnam died in 1847 and his son, George Washington, who was born at Manchester, Vt., July 7, 1818, died Jan. 8, 1903, and is buried at Westfield, N. Y. He was a leading citizen of his community and was the second elected school superintendent in Chautauqua County, and he was also a teacher of note. To George Washington and Alpha (Vanvliet) Putnam five children were born: Lillian, born April 27, 1848, married Dr. E. D. Needer, lives in Tennessee; Dr. Burton Hill, the subject of this sketch; Ida E., born Dec. 10, 1854, died Dec. 4, 1879, was the wife of Horace Jones, of Westfield, N. Y.; Rev. Bradford Vanvliet, born Dec. 18, 1855, died Nov. 23, 1924; and Mary Elizabeth, born June 8, 1859, lives at Sunbury, Pa.

Dr. Burton Hill Putnam received his early education in the schools of Westfield and from 1869 until 1873 taught school. He then entered the Buffalo Medical College, from which he received his degree in 1876. On April 1st of that year he established himself in practice at North East, locating where George Lee now lives. In 1889 he purchased his present location and built his present home in 1892, which is among the city's finest and most hospitable homes. From 1876 until 1921 Doctor Putnam was actively engaged in practice here and during this long period of service to the community he endeared himself to the entire community.

On April 18, 1876, Doctor Putnam was united in marriage at Westfield, N. Y., with Miss Flora D. Blowers, a native of that state, born Oct. 11, 1852, and the daughter of Harvey A. and DeAnna (Inghram) Blowers. She died Oct. 21, 1908, and is buried in the North East cemetery. Doctor Putnam was later married to Mrs. Lillian Holden, of Cortland, N. Y., who was born Aug. 27, 1852. By his first marriage he has two children: Cleo E., born April 3, 1877, mention of whom is made below; and George W., born May 7, 1878, married Dec. 25, 1902, to Miss Edith Clark of Pittsburgh, and lives retired in Dover, N. H. He was graduated from the public schools of North East, Grove City College, and after teaching school for three years took a post graduate course at Harvard University, where he received his degree in 1901. After teaching school one year at Beloit, Wis., he taught for 14 years in Pittsburgh and later engaged in business with his brother-in-law, Mr. Clark, as secretary and treasurer of the Cold Rolled Steel Company of Pittsburgh. He retired from active business in 1921. Mr. Putnam has made three trips to Europe. He studied at Oxford University, England, and Hanover, Germany.

Miss Cleo E. Putnam was educated in the public and high schools of North East, attended Grove City College, and after teaching school for three years at Tidioute, Pa., she studied in Hanover, Germany, for one year, and also spent a year in Paris, France, where she specialized in the study of French. Upon her return to this country, Miss Putnam taught school at Brockton, Mass., until her marriage, Dec. 26, 1906, to Frank B. Neal. They live at Vandergrift, Pa., and have two children: Elizabeth, born in 1913; and Catherine, born in 1915.

Doctor Putnam is a Republican, a member of the Masonic lodge, and has held every office in the city of North East, except that of mayor.

Fred B. Heath is among the most prominent business men of North East, where he is manager and secretary of the Burnley Battery Manufacturing Company. He was born in this city, Aug. 18, 1874, and is the son of Horace and Jane (McCord) Heath.

Horace Heath was a native of Sherman, N. Y., where he was born in 1814. He was an early settler of Erie County and lived at North East. During the "gold rush" to California he made the trip with a party of local men, but returned after a few months. He died in 1890 and his wife died in 1922 at the age of 81 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Heath four children were born: Frank, William, and Flora, all deceased; and F. B., the subject of this sketch.

After completing his early education in the district schools, F. B. Heath attended Davis Business College in Erie from 1885 until 1887. He was associated in business with the Kaufman Buggy Company of Dayton, Ohio, and then entered the employ of the Short Manufacturing Company of North East as shipping clerk. His next position was as manager of the Burnley Battery Manufacturing Company of Painesville, Ohio, which was founded in 1899 by William Burnley, and removed to North East in 1907. Since his association with the business Mr. Heath has served as manager and secretary. He is also one of the largest stockholders. The products of the Burnley Battery Manufacturing Company are sold throughout the world and it ranks among the leading industries of North East.

On Dec. 4, 1895, Mr. Heath was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Burnley, of North East, and the daughter of William and Annie (Hitchcock) Burnley, both deceased. It was Mrs. Heath's father who invented the Burnley batteries. Mr. and Mrs. Heath have a son, Sheldon, born Nov.

27, 1897. He was graduated from the public and high schools of North East and Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, and is now a chemical engineer at Midland, Mich. He was married Sept. 3,1923, to Miss Mary Hildegard Soderburg, of Pittsburgh, and they have a son, Sheldon Burnley Heath, Jr.

Politically, Mr. Heath is a Republican and he has served as a member of the city council for five years and as a member of the fire department for 15 years. He was also a member of the school board and served six years. He is affiliated with the Masonic order and belongs to the North East Club. Mr. Heath is among the successful and dependable business men of his community.

William W. MacLeod, well known funeral director of Erie, located at 930 East Sixth Street, is a native of Canada. He was born at Woodstock, Ontario, Jan. 7, 1877, and is a son of Roderick and Isabel (Armstrong) MacLeod.

Roderick MacLeod was born in Scotland in 1832. When a young man he went to Canada and for many years was superintendent of a tannery at Woodstock. He died in 1890, and his wife, a native of England, is also deceased. They were the parents of 14 children as follows: Anna, deceased; Catherine Waters, lives in Washington, D. C.; Roderick, deceased; Mary, deceased; Andrew, deceased; Margaret, lives in Ontario, Canada; Belle Arens, lives at Erie; James, lives at Toronto, Canada; John, deceased; Henrietta, deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Eierman, lives at Little Rock, Ark.; William W., the subject of this sketch; Thomas, deceased; and Laura, deceased.

William W. MacLeod spent his boyhood in Canada and at an early age learned the machinist's trade. After working at various occupations he enlisted in the navy, where he served four years. Since 1908 Mr. MacLeod has engaged in the undertaking business at Erie, and has been in his present location since 1915. The MacLeod Funeral Home is modern in all its appointments and is among the leading establishments of its kind in the state.

On Nov. 4, 1901, Mr. MacLeod was married in Chicago to Miss Lillian M. Baldwin. They have no children.

In politics Mr. MacLeod is identified with the Republican party. He and his wife are members of St. Paul's United Evangelical Church, and he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Felows, the Elks, the Loyal

William H. MacLeod

Order of Moose, the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and is a 32nd degree Mason, belongs to the Zem Zem Shrine of Erie, the K. of P., Knights of Malta and Knights of Golden Eagle. Mrs. MacLeod is active in the order of the Eastern Star, having served as worthy matron, district deputy grand matron, and now holds a prominent state office. She is also sovereign protector, Dames of Malta. Mr. MacLeod is a man esteemed in his community for his integrity and spirit of cooperation in all civic affairs.

Victor Moorhead is a prosperous farmer of North East Township and a member of one of the most prominent and oldest families of Erie County. He was born at North East, Feb. 4, 1870, the son of Barnett and Cornelia (Harvey) Moorhead.

Thomas Moorhead settled in Erie County in 1800 and was one of the founders of the Presbyterian church of North East, which was built in 1805. Barnett Moorhead was born just across the road from the present Moorhead home, in 1822, and was the son of George and Matilda (Barnett) Moorhead. When George Moorhead came to Erie County in 1800 he purchased 150 acres of land from the government and settled on a spot now known as Moorheadville. His son Barnett, became a prominent farmer and landowner and died in 1891. His wife died in 1897. They had three children: George Harvey, deceased; Rose E., lives with her brother; and Victor, the subject of this sketch.

Victor Moorhead has spent his entire life in this section of Erie County and has always been interested in general farming and fruit growing.

On September 12, 1893, Mr. Moorhead was married in Iowa City, Iowa, to Miss Anna Slemmons, and to them nine children were born, as follows: John B., born Jan. 24, 1896, connected with the Mitchell & Dill Company, Ford dealers of North East; George, died in infancy; Agnes Mary, born March 1, 1903, married Emmett Nichols, lives near Philadelphia; Ruth Anna, born in February, 1905, lives at home; Cyrus William, born Sept. 24, 1906, at home; William Frank, deceased; Margaret, born June 11, 1911; James Isaac and Robert Slemmons, twins, born March 8, 1914.

John B. Moorehead is a veteran of the World War, having served in the aviation from July, 1917, until June, 1919. He served in France and after the armistice was stationed in Germany as a member of the aircraft department.

Victor Moorhead is a Republican and he and his family hold membership in the Presbyterian church.

Max H. Reid, a prominent citizen of Erie County, engaged in the lumber business at North East, was born at North East, Nov. 7, 1891, and is the son of Richard and Saphronia (Huntley) Reid.

Richard Reid was a native of Ireland who came to this country when a young man and settled at North East. He was a cabinet maker by trade and for a number of years conducted a furniture and lumber business at North East. He also operated a flax mill here. Mr. Reid died at the age of 70 years and his wife at the age of 68 years. They had 10 children, of whom Max H., the subject of this sketch, was the youngest.

Max H. Reid has always been interested in the lumber business. After completing his schooling here he entered the employ of a lumber company and in 1921 established his present business, which is one of the largest of its kind in the county. Mr. Reid makes a specialty of white and yellow pine and is also an extensive dealer in building materials and supplies.

Mr. Reid was married to Miss Elizabeth Heath, of North East, a member of one of the county's well known pioneer families, and the daughter of Charles T. and Nina (Smith) Heath. They have a son, Charles, born May 9, 1920.

Mr. Reid is affiliated with the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Republican and is accounted one of the alert young business men of the community.

Gustavus C. Graham, justice of the peace of North East, is among the representative citizens of Erie County. He was born at Elgin, Erie County, March 18, 1865, and is the son of James and Hattie M. (Pierce) Graham.

James Graham, deceased, was a Civil War veteran. He was born of Scotch-Irish parentage, in 1835. At an early age he settled in Erie County and engaged in the hotel business, conducting the Erie Hotel in 1865. Later, he removed to Minnesota, where he followed mercantile pursuits until his death in 1880. His wife, who was born at Hamburg, N. Y., died in 1910 at the age of 76 years. G. C., the subject of this sketch, was their only child.

G. C. Graham attended the schools of Minnesota, where his family had settled, and when a young man learned the carpenter trade, which he followed successfully for 18 years. He then was employed as a pattern maker. Mr. Graham was elected justice of the peace in 1907, which office

he has since filled in a most capable and trustworthy manner. He has been Deputy County Controller since 1914. During his long period of office he has married 915 couples in North East. Mr. Graham is also extensively interested in business and is a real estate and insurance operator. He owns a well improved farm at Greenfield, Erie County.

On July 12, 1911, Mr. Graham was united in marriage with Miss Mary D. Orton, of Harbor Creek, Pa., and the daughter of Ashbell and Amy (Raymond) Orton. Mr. Orton served throughout the Civil War and lives with his daughter, Mrs. Graham. His wife died in 1918 and is buried in the North East Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Graham four children have been born: John, born July 16, 1913; Stanley, born March 1, 1915; Dorcas Elaine, born Feb. 5, 1917; and Harriet Ruth, born Jan. 12, 1919.

Mr. Graham is a Republican and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Louis H. Parker is known as an enterprising and progressive citizen of North East. He was born near Corry, Pa., Nov. 3, 1869, and is the son of Washington and Sarah L. (Goodrich) Parker.

Washington Parker, deceased, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., in 1829. At an early age he located in Erie County and engaged in farming in Amity Township. He was the first postmaster of Lake Pleasant, Pa., and served in this capacity during the Civil War. He died in 1906 and is buried at Sherman, New York. His wife was born at Cassadaga, N. Y., and died in 1920 at the age of 87 years. Mr. and Mrs. Parker had three children, of whom Louis H., the subject of this sketch, was the youngest.

Louis H. Parker was reared on his father's farm and educated in the district school. For several years he taught school in Chautauqua County, N. Y., and later engaged in farming. He is also a carpenter by trade. Mr. Parker has been identified with the North East High School as custodian since 1915, and is also caretaker of the Public Library and post office.

On March 13, 1890, Mr. Parker was married to Miss Alice Rice, a native of New York, and they have three children: Vinton Rice, manager of the Winters Piano Company, Erie, married Miss Rose Bear, and they have a son, Jack; Clayton W., lives at home; and Frances A., a student at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

Mr. Parker is identified with the Republican party in politics, is a member of the Presbyterian church, a 32nd degree Mason and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Dr. S. Warren Reichard is a leading physician and surgeon of Erie and a veteran of the World War. He was born at Mauch Chunk, Pa., June 8, 1878, and is the son of William H. and Annie E. (Williams) Reichard.

William H. Reichard was also a native of Mauch Chunk, Pa., born May 6, 1851. At the age of 15 years he became associated with the Hazard Manufacturing Company of Wilkes Barre, in whose employ he remained for many years, serving as superintendent for 30 years. He died in 1914. His wife was born at Odessa, Del., May 10, 1852, and resides at Wilkes Barre, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Reichard, who were married in 1871, two children were born: Nettie E. Craig, lives at Wilkes Barre, Pa.; and Dr. S. Warren, the subject of this sketch.

Dr. S. Warren Reichard was reared and educated in Wilkes Barre and after completing his high school course in 1895 he attended the Harry Hilman Academy for two years. In 1901 he received his degree from the University of Pennsylvania as Doctor of Medicine and spent the following year as an interne in Mercy Hospital, Wilkes Barre, Pa. In 1902 he began the practice of his profession in that city and was connected with the city as physician to the police and fire departments also and physician to the poor of that city. He was also physician for the Hazard Manufacturing Company and the Electric Traction Company. He served for three days each week at the Pennsylvania State Tuberculosis Dispensary and was also connected with the staff of Mercy Hospital and the Kilcoyne Private Hospital.

Doctor Reichard was the first physician to be called from Wilkes Barre during the World War, April 6, 1917. He went to Fort Benjamin Harrison and later to Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich. In June, 1918, he was sent overseas with the rank of major in the Medical Corps, and was commanding medical officer of the 337th Infantry, 85th Division. Doctor Reichard took part in many important battles of the war, including the Argonne, Verdun and the Meuse-Argonne. At the outbreak of the influenza epidemic he had complete charge of contagious hospital No. 68 and was made commander of field ambulances of the 85th Division. At the close of the war Doctor Reichard was serving as sanitary inspector of the Third District of the Toule Sector. He was discharged April 2, 1919, and during that month was appointed surgeon at the Pierce-Arrow Automobile Works, Buffalo, N. Y. After eight months he came to Erie where he accepted a similar position at the General Electric Company. Seven

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months later he engaged in private practice at 1201 West 8th Street. He was district manager of the United States Veterans' Bureau for two years and when the same was moved to Pittsburgh, was made surgeon to United States Veterans' Bureau in care of disabled World War veterans, and still retains that position.

On July 10, 1900, Doctor Reichard was united in marriage with Miss Anna P. Burns, of Pittston, Pa., and the daughter of P. J. and Belinda Burns. To this union were born four children: William H., mention of whom is made below; Helen Marie, born Jan. 12, 1908; Antoinette E., born Feb. 23, 1913; and Louise G., born Feb. 22, 1911.

William H. Reichard was born April 8, 1902. In April, 1919, he enlisted in the United States Navy and while stationed at Pensacola, Fla., as an aviation mechanic he met his death, April 10, 1920, in a gasoline explosion.

Doctor Reichard is a Republican, a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Erie, and belongs to the Veterans of Foreigns Wars and American Legion. He is a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Shrine. Doctor Reichard is identified with the Erie County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is a capable, energetic and public spirited man, one whose life means much to his community.

Joseph Warren Loomis, deceased, was a member of one of the first families to establish their home in Erie County, and from those early days to the present they have been prominent representatives of its business and public life. Dyer Loomis, Sr., his grandfather, was born in Connecticut but came to Erie County in 1796, to join his brother, Henry, who had come here years previously, and they secured together 400 acres of land just east of North East. Dyer Loomis was prominent in the early history of his community and held many offices. He was the first deputy sheriff of the county and died in 1842. He married a Miss Nancy Woods from Rhode Island. Among their children was Dyer Loomis, Jr., who was born Oct. 1, 1810, and died Dec. 3, 1901. He received his education in the Worthington and Milan, Ohio, Academies, and was one of the first school teachers of this county. He married Eliza M. Robinson. In their family was Joseph Warren Loomis, the subject of this sketch.

Joseph Warren Loomis was born at North East, Oct. 4, 1844. In 1862, during the Civil War, he enlisted in Company F, 111th Pennsylvania Vol-

unteer Infantry, with which he served for three years and was finally discharged for disability Nov. 29, 1865. Returning to North East he was identified with the business interests of this community as a farmer and as the proprietor of a brick yard. During a term of six years he served as a prothonatory of Erie County and was also a deputy in that office. His death occurred very suddenly at the court house in Erie, Jan. 20, 1896.

On April 15, 1872, Mr. Loomis was married to Miss Lydia Almeda Wells, a native of Cattaraugus County, N. Y., born July 20, 1846, and the daughter of Daniel J. and Lydia L. (Whitney) Wells, also from New York. They settled in Erie County in 1852, where Mr. Wells was a blacksmith, and from there they moved to Greenfield, thence to Wesleyville, and finally to North East. He died here in 1886 and his wife died in 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis had no children, and she now resides in North East. Her pretty home on Robinson Street is ever ready to welcome her friends.

C. E. Force, retired, is a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of North East and a member of one of Erie County's pioneer families. He was born in North East Township, Dec. 15, 1860, and is a son of William J. and Nancy (Burwell) Force.

William J. Force was born in this township in 1816 and died in 1898. His father, Joseph Force, settled in Erie County in 1814, having come here from Freehold, N. J., where he was born in 1776. He became a prominent citizen of this section and died in 1868. William J. Force was a cooper by trade and also followed general farming. He died in Erie in 1898. He was a life long member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and held many township offices. His wife was a native of Bridgeport, Conn., and also a member of a pioneer family of Chautauqua County, N. Y. She died in 1880. To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Force the following children were born: Sarah, Abraham, Samuel, Prudence, Rebecca, and Thankful. To Mr. and Mrs. William J. Force were born Albert, former district attorney of Erie County; Joseph M., an Erie lawyer; Mrs. W. W. Ross, Mrs. N. W. Lowell, William, and C. E., the subject of this sketch. All are deceased except C. E. Force.

C. E. Force grew up on his father's farm in North East Township and attended the district school and later the Lake Shore Seminary. At the age of 20 years he entered the employ of the American Express Company in the office at Erie. He was later transferred to their New York city office, where he remained for 43 years. In October, 1923, Mr. Force re-

tired from active business and returned to North East where he lives on the North Lake Road, near Shorewood Beach. Mr. Force's home contains three acres, all of which is in fruit, and it is among the most attractive spots in this section.

On Oct. 7, 1886, Mr. Force was united in marriage with Miss Georgia E. Loomis, whose home was just across the road from the present Force home. She is the daughter of Joel and Susan (Hall) Loomis, both deceased. Mrs. Force's grand-parents came from New England to New York State and founded the city of Westfield, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Force have no children.

Mr. Force is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge. He is one of the interesting men of the county, where he holds the esteem of all who know him.

Robert J. Dill is a prosperous and widely known horticulturist of Erie County. He was born at Erie, Sept. 23, 1877, and is a son of Robert and May J. (Mount) Dill.

Robert Dill, deceased, was born at Toronto, Canada, July 8, 1841, the son of Alexander and Jane (McCormick) Dill, both natives of Canada, who came to Toronto in 1830 and were married in that city. Robert Dill went to New York city when a young man and in 1871 removed to Buffalo. After one year at the latter place he located at Erie, his first employment being in connection with the decoration of the mansion owned by Gen. C. M. Reed. Subsequently he established himself as a contractor in Erie and continued in that line until 1889 when he disposed of his business and purchased 145 acres of land in North East Township. He devoted many years to the raising of fruits, 60 acres being grown to grapes alone. Mr. Dill served as president of the Keystone Co-operative Grape Association for many years and was vice president of the First National Bank of North East from the time of its organization. He died in 1924 and is buried in North East cemetery. His wife, a native of New York city, died in 1907, at the age of 71 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Dill five children were born, of whom Robert J., the subject of this sketch, is the only survivor.

Robert J. Dill was reared and educated in North East and has followed fruit farming his entire life. In 1924 he purchased his present farm of 120 acres, which is among the finest fruit farms in this section of the state. It contains 25 acres of grapes, 15 acres of apples, 17 acres

of peaches, 8 acres of pears, and 2 acres of plums. Harry D. Short is his partner.

On Jan. 31, 1900, Mr. Dill was married to Miss Blanche L. Butt, the daughter of G. W. and Lillian L. (Fullerton) Butt. They have a daughter, Mildred L., who was married July 12, 1924, to Harry D. Short. He is the son of C. M. and Martha B. (Donaldson) Short, residents of North East.

Mr. Dill is identified with the Republican party in politics, is a member of the Presbyterian church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge. He has inherited the stability and genius of his father and is one of the progressive and successful men of the county.

Edward Schmelzer is a veteran of the World War and a well known and successful business man of Erie. He was born in this city, Sept. 27, 1880, and is a son of Emil and Mary (Storer) Schmelzer.

Emil Schmelzer was a native of Switzerland and his wife was born in Erie. After a number of years residence in this city they removed to Buffalo, N. Y., where Mr. Schmelzer became a well known clothing manufacturer. He and his wife are now deceased. They were the parents of the following children: Jacob Fred, deceased; Minnie, married Frank Maurer, clothing manufacturer, lives in Buffalo, N. Y.; Julia, the widow of William Guenther, lives in Buffalo; Lillian, married Peter Klumpp, chief clerk of the Pennsylvania Railroad, lives in Buffalo; Barbara, married Arthur Dunn, lives in Buffalo; John, a sergeant in the detective force in Buffalo, married Daisy Fay; Catherine, married William Baldwin, road construction superintendent of the Austin Steam Roller Company, Buffalo; Joseph, shipping clerk with the Pierce Arrow Automobile Co., Buffalo, married Florence Cray; and Edward, the subject of this sketch.

After completing his schooling in Erie, Edward Schmelzer enlisted in the U. S. Army at Columbus, Ohio, and served as a member of the first infantry during the Spanish American War. He was wounded during the battle of Santiago, July 3, 1898. He was transferred to Company F, 202nd New York Volunteers about Sept. 1, 1898, returning to Cuba with the Army of Occupation Dec. 15, 1898, and back to the United States March 15, 1899, and mustered out of service as a corporal, April 15, 1899. After leaving the army he learned the boilermaker's trade at the Union Iron Works, Erie, with whom he remained until 1907. He then went to Lima, Ohio, where he was connected with the Lima Locomotive Machine

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Works as foreman of the boiler shops. Later he returned to Erie and in 1912 entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as fireman.

In 1901 Mr. Schmelzer enlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guard as a member of Company G, 16th Regiment. After several promotions he was made first lieutenant, Oct. 1, 1915, and in 1916 served on the Mexican border with Company G, 16th Regiment, P. N. G. Seventh Division. During the World War he was a member of Company G, 112th Regiment, 28th Division. His company arrived in France, May 18, 1918, and on Sept. 4th of that year he was promoted to captain of his company. He took part in the following important engagements: The Fifth German Offensive from July 14th to 18, 1918; advance on the Ourqu River Heights, July 24, 1918; Aisne-Marne defensive; and the advance on the Vesle River. On Aug. 27th he was captured by the Germans at Fismette and remained a prisoner until Nov. 29, 1918. On Dec. 24th he returned to his company and assumed command. He returned to the United States, April 30, 1919, and was discharged May 27, 1919. Mr. Schmelzer is now a captain in the U. S. Reserve Corps.

On May 28, 1902, Mr. Schmelzer was married to Miss Caroline Schmitt of Erie, born Aug. 1, 1881. To them have been born five children: Ray G., born March 3, 1903, engaged in business with his father; Emil J., born Jan. 10, 1904, an electrician in the employ of the General Electric Company, Erie; Margaret, born Dec. 1, 1907, died May 6, 1908; Lucille L., born Jan. 6, 1913, died June 21, 1921; and Leo W., born Jan. 14, 1914.

Mr. Schmelzer owns and operates a gasoline filling station at 2401 State Street.

Mr. Schmelzer is a Republican and in November, 1919, was elected director of public safety. He is a member of the Disabled American Veterans and belongs to the Eagle and Moose and Elk lodges. He is an enterprising citizen and stands high in his community.

Joseph Otto, a reliable and successful business man of North East, engaged in the flour and feed business at 47 Wall Street, was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 31, 1876, and is the son of Joseph and Barbara (Mann) Otto.

The Otto family have been millers for over 200 years in Germany. Joseph Otto, deceased, spent his entire life in Germany and died in 1885. His wife lives there and is 70 years of age. There were eight children in their family, three of whom are residents of North East, Joseph, George,

and Fred. One sister, Mary, the wife of Charles Sauer, of New York. George is also interested in the flour and feed business.

At the age of 16 years, Joseph Otto came to America and immediately settled in North East, where he worked at his trade as miller. Later he lived in Sandusky, Ohio, and Erie, Pa. Since 1908 he has been located at North East and for a number of years was associated in business with his brother. Mr. Otto has a well established business and deals exclusively in fine flours, feed and grain.

In 1916 Mr. Otto married Miss Mary A. Schlindwein, a native of Erie, and they have two children: Elizabeth, born in 1917; and Joseph, Jr., born in 1920.

In politics Mr. Otto is identified with the Republican party. He is well and favorably known in his community.

Donald L. Mackay, a veteran of the World War, is among Erie County's prominent young business men. He has the Dodge automobile agency at North East. He was born here, June 1, 1895, and is the son of George N. and Mary (Shaw) Mackay.

George N. Mackay, deceased, was a native of Ontario, Canada. At an early age he settled in North East, where he died in 1925. There are three children in the Mackay family: Gladys, married Walter Lick, lives at North East; Donald L., the subject of this sketch; and Blaine, now taking a course in milling at Minneapolis, Minn.

Donald L. Mackay spent his boyhood at North East and was educated in the public and high schools and at Swarthmore, Pa. He also attended the Hackley School, Tarrytown, N. Y., and Pennsylvania State College, after which he became interested in the milling business. In May, 1917, Mr. Mackay volunteered for service in the World War and served as an ambulance driver, later being attached to the Italian Army. He was discharged from service in April, 1919, after which he engaged in his present business at North East. Mr. Mackay has a well equipped garage and up-to-date salesroom and ranks among the progressive automobile men of this section.

On Sept. 18, 1923, Mr. Mackay was united in marriage with Miss Kathryn Gallup, a native of Youngsville, Pa., and the daughter of Arnold and Mabel (Horner) Gallup.

Mr. Mackay is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church, and belongs to the Masonic and Elk lodges.

Vernon K. Edwards, who ranks among the leading citizens of North East, was born at Riceville, Crawford County, Pa., Oct. 21, 1887, and is a son of R. F. and Edith (King) Edwards.

R. F. Edwards, retired, is a substantial citizen of Crawford County. He has held many township offices and during his active career was a successful farmer. His wife is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Edwards three children were born: Vernon K., the subject of this sketch; Zoe Stafford, lives at Lincolnville, Pa.; and G. L., a farmer, lives at Lincolnville, Pa.

Vernon K. Edwards grew up on his father's farm and received his education in the public and high schools of Lincolnville. He is also a graduate of Edinboro State Normal School, and taught school for several years. In 1918 Mr. Edwards came to North East and accepted his present position with the General Electric Company as salary payroll clerk.

In 1908 Mr. Edwards was married to Miss Lena Fosburgh, of Lincolnville, Pa. They have a daughter, Thelma.

Mr. Edwards holds membership in the Methodist church and is an active worker in all church activities. He is well known and representative of the best citizenship of Erie County.

George H. Newton is among the prosperous and well known young fruit farmers of Erie County. He was born in North East Township, July 3, 1893, and is the son of Monroe D. and Sophia (Senger) Newton.

The Newton family, after whom Newton Road in North East Township is named, settled in Erie County in 1836. Monroe D. Newton was born in this township, Jan. 18, 1861, the son of John L. and Harriett (Welch) Newton, pioneers of Erie County. The father was born at Oswego, N. Y., in 1830, the son of Elias and Laura Ann (Gay) Newton, both natives of New York. They moved to Erie County and settled at North East when John L. was six years old. Their children were: Warren, Julia, William, Eveline, and J. L., all deceased. John L. Newton married April 19, 1855, to Miss Harriet Welch, of Onondaga County, N. Y., and they had three children: Loran E., deceased; Monroe D., father of the subject of this sketch; and U. G. Mr. John L. Newton held several political offices, was road commissioner, school director, and assessor. He was a staunch Republican.

Monroe D. Newton was reared and educated in North East Township and always made farming his chief occupation. He died in 1912. He was married March 25, 1885, to Miss Sophia Senger, of North East. They had

four children: William John, assistant postmaster at North East; Bertha Marie Ross Kocher, lives on the Lake Road, North East; Orpha Deloss, lives on the old home place; George H., the subject of this sketch; and Lorenzo, lives at home.

George H. Newton received his education in the public schools of North East and has lived on the same farm all his life. He specializes in the growing of fruit and has 14 acres of grapes. He is a member of the Keystone Grape Co-operative Association.

Politically Mr. Newton is a Republican and he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is unmarried.

George K. Frank, successful and widely known real estate operator of Erie, with offices in the Masonic Temple Building, is a native of Pennsylvania. She was born at Middletown, Dauphin County, July 8, 1873, and is a son of P. W. and Mary (Schultz) Frank.

P. W. Frank, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania. He was a carpenter and bridge builder and helped build the Centenial buildings in Philadelphia in 1873-4. He died Jan. 6, 1914, and his wife died March 12, 1913. They had four children: William H., lives in Chicago; Edward P., a contractor and builder, lives at Miami, Fla.; George K., the subject of this sketch; and J. M., associated in business with George K.

George K. Frank was obliged to leave school at an early age. In 1884 he had settled in Erie with his parents and his first position was with Walker & Gallagher. Later he was associated with Cronin-Bloser Company, shoe dealers, and while there Mr. Frank attended night school. His next position was as a stenographer in the real estate firm of J. Spencer VanCleve, with whom he became associated with on March 1, 1894. After several years a partnership was formed with Floyd Hill, the firm being known as Frank & Hill, and purchasing the interests of Mr. VanCleve. This partnership existed for 12 years, and since 1912 Mr. Frank has been in business alone, dealing in real estate, general insurance and surety bonds.

On Sept. 15, 1917, Mr. Frank was married to Miss Pauline Blakely, the daughter of Christian and Caroline Blakely. They had three children: Charles Robert, born June 2, 1919; George K., Jr., born Jan. 13, 1921 and died April 10, 1921; and David Philips, born July 3, 1922.

Mr. Frank helped organize the local Anti-Tuberculosis Society in 1912 and has since served as treasurer, having charge of the sale of seals

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yearly. He was appointed by the city council as a member of the State Park and Harbor Commission in charge of the new Peninsula Park, and after having served as secretary of the commission from 1921 until 1924 he was reappointed for a second term of four years. He was also appointed a member of the commission in charge of the erection of the Erie County Tuberculosis Hospital in 1923.

Mr. Frank is a 32nd degree Mason, Knights Templar and a Shriner, a member of the Elks Lodge, and a charter member of the Kiwanis Club and served as president of this organization in 1921. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He was one of the organizers of the Erie Motor Club. He has held membership in the Park Presbyterian Church for 25 years and served as deacon several years ago. He is also connected with the Real Estate Board, having served as president, and was president of the Fire & Casualty Underwriters Association. Mr. Frank has always been interested in all activities concerning the welfare of Erie and Erie County. He is a Republican.

William T. Crawford, who is successfully engaged in farming and fruit growing in North East Township, is a member of one of the county's oldest and most honored families. He was born in the Township of North East, Feb. 7, 1860, the son of Thomas Childs and Ruth A. (Wilcox) Crawford, both also from this township, and a grandson of William and Nancy (Blaine) Crawford. Thomas C. Crawford was a farmer throughout life. He was born here, Dec. 27, 1842, and died Jan. 27, 1923. His wife was born in Silver County, N. Y., July 16, 1847, and died March 25, 1900. They had five children: Ella M., died in infancy; Mary Josephine, born in 1857, died in 1911; William T., the subject of this sketch; Albert W., born Jan. 8, 1862, died in 1885; and F. B., born June 3, 1865, a fruit farmer, lives at North East.

The Crawford farm on Lake road has been owned by the Crawford family for three generations, Thomas Crawford having settled here in 1796. Thomas Crawford settled on a farm about one mile west of this place where his son, William was born Dec. 25, 1798, and died Aug. 19, 1850. His son, Thomas C., was the father of the subject of this sketch.

William T. Crawford was educated in the district schools of North East Township and has been interested in fruit farming his entire life. In company with his brother, Frank B., he took charge of the old Crawford farm of 98 acres in 1880 and about five years later set out six acres

of vineyard. They added to their vineyard until it covered 155 acres and they became leading buyers and shippers of grapes in this section. At the present time Mr. Crawford owns 100 acres of well improved land on Lake road.

On Nov. 21, 1907, Mr. Crawford was married to Miss Helen Moorhead, of Moorheadville, Pa., and the daughter of James A. and Julia (Baldwin) Moorhead, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford have three children: Ruth Elizabeth, born March 9, 1911; Julia Moorhead, born June 16, 1912; and Jean, born Dec. 3, 1913.

Mr. Crawford is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian church. He is a substantial citizen and merits the esteem in which he is held by the community.

Jesse P. Trivett, who lives retired at North East, has for many years been a prominent citizen of Erie County. He was born at Russell, Warren County, Pa., July 1, 1839, and is the son of Channing and Nancy (Love) Trivett.

Channing Trivett was a native of Boston, Mass., born in 1809. Many years ago he settled at Ripley, N. Y., where he engaged in general farming. He died in 1891 and his wife died in 1873. They had seven children: Susan, John Mercelina, deceased, J. P., the subject of this sketch, Emily, lives at Sherman, N. Y.; James, deceased; and Ida, married Stephen Abbey, lives at Sherman, N. Y.

J. P. Trivett was educated at Jamestown, N. Y., and Russell, Pa. In early life he was interested in prairie freighting between New York and California. Six oxen were used to each wagon and for a number of years Mr. Trivett operated a fleet of 28 wagons. Indians were always encountered on these trips, but Mr. Trivett claims his only hardships were the possible shortages of food and supplies. He was engaged in this work continously for 34 years, after which he returned to Ripley, N. Y., and followed general farming. In 1902 he purchased his present home at North East and conducted a real estate and building business here until 1916, when he retired. His residence is at 30 Clinton Street.

On April 8, 1875, Mr. Trivett was united in marriage with Miss Lida Louisa Hannum, a native of North East, born March 1, 1854, and a daughter of Jerome and Sarah (Roberts) Hannum. Mrs. Trivett has two brothers: Frank W., lives retired at Bradford, Pa.; and Fred J., lives at Mayville, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Trivett have a son, Jesse Guy, born Oct. 6,

1891. He was educated in the public and high schools of Ripley and North East, and for several years was connected with the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. He is now engaged in the automobile business there. He was married to Miss Lois Chamberlain.

Mr. Trivett and his family hold membership in the Presbyterian church and he and his son are affiliated with the Masonic lodge.

William H. Bemiss, a well known citizen of North East, highly esteemed for his integrity and industry, was born in Greenfield Township, Erie County, June 21, 1885, and is the son of George E. and Anna (Hartley) Bemiss.

George E. Bemiss, deceased, was a native of Greenfield Township, Erie County, and a prominent merchant of that vicinity. He was also a farmer. He died in 1908 and is buried in North East Cemetery. His wife, also a native of Greenfield Township, was born Nov. 1, 1861, and lives at North East. They had two sons: W. H., the subject of this sketch; and George, who lives on the old home place in Greenfield Township.

After attending the public and high schools of Erie County, W. H. Bemiss entered Cornell University. He became interested in the dairy business and for a number of years was manager of a butter and cheese business in Greenfield. He then engaged in business with his father as manager of his store and in 1911 removed to North East, where with Mr. Kimball, the present business was established. Early in 1925 Mr. Kimball sold his interest and it is now owned by Bemiss & Stetson, and is the only general merchandise store in North East.

On April 6, 1908, Mr. Bemiss was united in marriage with Miss Edna M. Kimball, a native of North East and the daughter of Fred I. and Anna (Evans) Kimball, residents of North East. They have a son, Meryl Kimball Bemiss, born Aug. 10, 1910.

George A. Halloran, manager of the McQuitty Farm, North East, is a leading farmer of Erie County. He was born at Ripley, N. Y., July 27, 1886, and is a son of James and Eva (Webster) Halloran.

James Halloran, deceased, was a prosperous farmer of North East Township. He was born at Lock Haven, Pa., in 1851, and settled in Erie County in 1887. In early life he engaged in the lumber business and later operated a farm. He died in 1923 and is buried in North East cemetery. His wife, a native of Illinois, now resides with her daughter, Sarah Hal-

loran, in North East. There were six children in the Halloran family: Lee, lives at Moorheadville, Pa.; Sarah; G. A., the subject of this sketch; Frank; Roy; and Er, all of whom live in North East.

After completing his schooling in the public schools of North East, G. A. Halloran became interested in farming and since 1906 has been manager of the McQuitty farm, which is one of the largest and best improved farms in Erie County. It contains 162 acres.

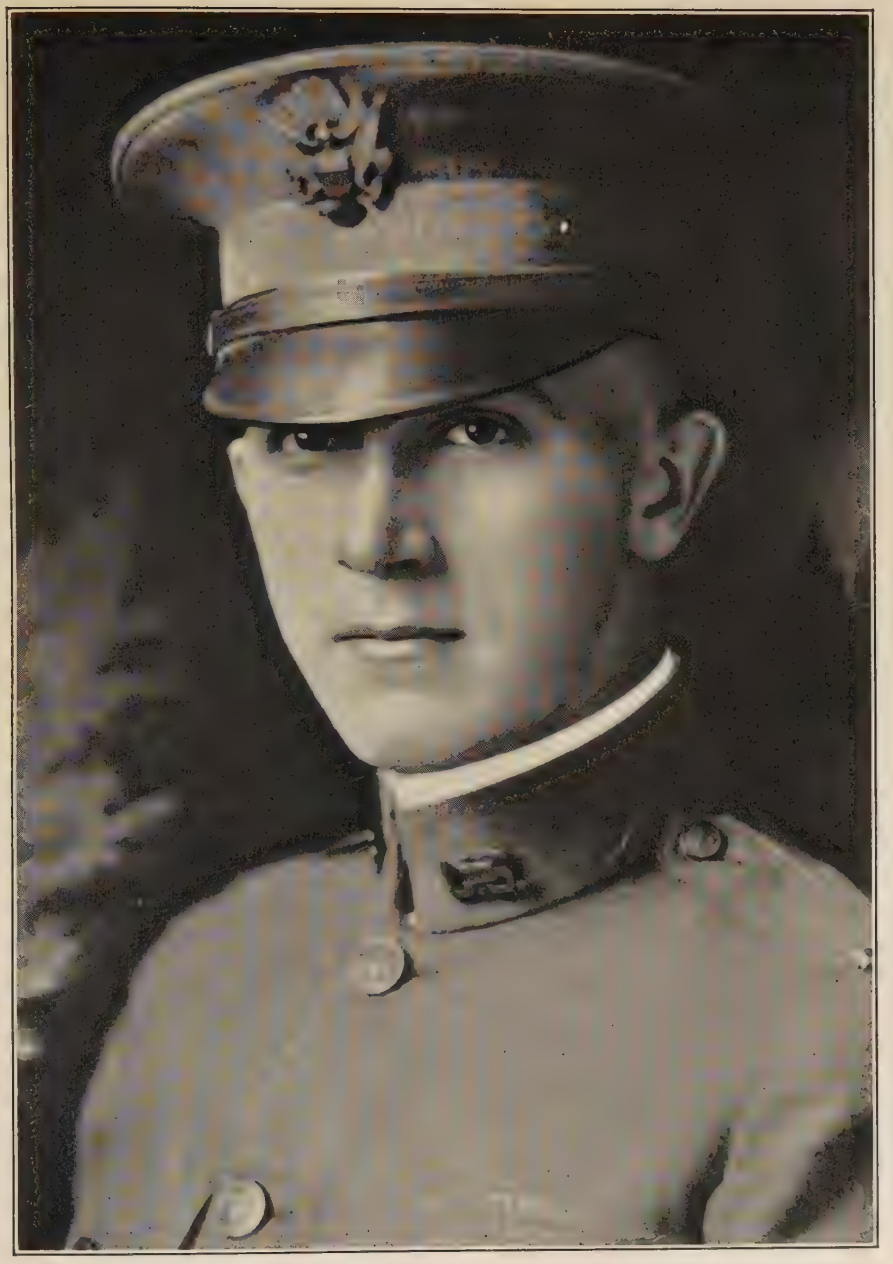
On Feb. 25, 1922, Mr. Halloran was married to Miss Ruby Briggs, a native of Cambridge, England. They have two daughters: Beatrice, born in 1923; and Jean, born Sept. 29, 1924.

Politically, Mr. Halloran is a Republican and he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a substantial citizen and stands high in the community and county.

Harry Swenson, a veteran of the World War, is among Erie County's prominent and successful young business men. He was born at Wellsville, N. Y., Sept. 25, 1893, and is the son of Alexander and Josephine (Anderson) Swenson.

Alexander Swenson, deceased, was a native of Sweden. He was born in 1856 and at the age of 32 years came to this country and located at Wellsville, N. Y., where he married. In March, 1900, he removed his family to Erie and later became associated with the Erie Stove Works, in whose employ he remained ten years. He was later connected with the Erie Tool Works. He died in 1922, and his wife resides at Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Swenson seven children were born, as follows: Josephine, deceased; Harry, the subject of this sketch; Anna and Harold, both deceased; Erland, lives at Erie; Walter, deceased; and Lillian Ruth, a student at East High School, Erie.

Harry Swenson received his education in the public and high schools of Erie, from which he was graduated in 1911. During that year he became associated with the real estate firm of William P. Hayes & Son. After four years with this firm he become associated for one year with Samuel Landis. On Jan. 1, 1917, Mr. Swenson engaged in business for himself but the following September answered the call to the World War. He received a commission of lieutenant at Camp Lee, and was later stationed at Camp Meade, where he remained until the close of the war. Since that time he has been actively engaged in the real estate business at Erie, and has offices at 610 Marine Bank Buiidlng. In July, 1923, Mr.



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Swenson handled the sale of the Reed House, one of Erie's old landmarks. It was among the notable real estate transactions in Erie during the last few years.

On July 6, 1918, Mr. Swenson was united in marriage with Miss Helen Love Douglas, of Erie, and the daughter of Harry G. and Flora (Love) Douglas, residents of Erie. To this union a son has been born, Douglas Roger, Aug. 8, 1919.

In politics Mr. Swenson is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church of Erie, is a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the Elks, American Legion, and was the first president of Lions Club of Erie and first deputy district governor of Lions Club of Western Pennsylvania. He is treasurer of the Erie Real Estate Board, one of the organizers of the Union Trust Company of Erie and served as secretary and director, director of the Central Savings & Loan Company, and a member of the Board of Commerce. Mr. Swenson is well and favorably known in Erie and ranks among the representative citizens of the county.

Francis R. Madden is among the successful and representative young business men of Albion, where he is a member of the firm of Madden & Hoover, local agents for the Chevrolet, Hudson and Essex automobiles. He was born at Crossingville, Crawford County, Pa., June 23, 1892, and is the son of Cornelius S. and Electa (Steward) Madden.

Cornelius S. Madden was born at Pageville, Erie County, Jan. 10, 1858. He has followed general farming during his entire life and met with marked success. He has held various township offices and is at present serving as tax collector. Mr. Madden is a member of the Catholic church at Crossingville. His wife, also a native of Erie County, was born Jan. 14, 1854. To Mr. and Mrs. Madden the following children were born: Mary, married Harvey Knickerbocker, deceased, and she is now the wife of Floyd Moses, lives at Crossingville, Pa.; Martha, a twin sister of Mary, died at the age of 14 years; Flora, married Andrew McLaughlin, lives in Erie County; Cornelius Sylvester, a farmer, lives at Crossingville, Pa.; Francis R., the subject of this sketch; Urban, a farmer, lives at Pageville, Pa.; and Leonard, a farmer, lives at Pageville, Pa.

Francis R. Madden spent his boyhood at Pageville and received his education in the public schools and at Edinboro State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1914. He completed a course of study

at Meadville Commercial College in 1920, after which he spent two years in Erie. Since 1922 he has been associated in business at Albion with Mr. R. S. Hoover and W. J. Hoover and they have a well established business. They are expert repair men and have a well equipped grage, and also deal in automobile accessories and tires.

On Dec. 27, 1922, Mr. Madden was united in marriage with Miss Frances M. Fuller, of Edinboro, who was graduated from Edinboro State Normal School and taught in Washington Township, Erie County, for four years before her marriage. She is the daughter of George H. and Julia (Coughlin) Fuller. Mr. Fuller lives at Edinboro. His wife is deceased. A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Madden, Margaret Julia, died in infancy.

Politically, Mr. Madden is a Republican. He is a member of the Catholic church and is highly esteemed in his community.

Asa S. Morrison, who is successfully engaged in the lumber business at Albion, is a native of Erie County. He was born on a farm in Conneaut Township, Aug. 22, 1883, and is the son of George and Sally (Hewitt) Morrison.

George Morrison, for many years a well known resident of Erie County, was born in Conneaut Township. He now lives in Kingsville Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, where with his two sons, he is engaged in general farming. They are owners of 350 acres of well improved land. Sally Hewitt Morrison, also a native of Conneaut Township, Erie County, died Dec. 16, 1913, and is buried in Albion cemetery. There were four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Morrison: Mrs. Belle Knapp, lives at Albion; Fred and Lavern, who live with their father; and Asa S., the subject of this sketch.

Asa S. Morrison was educated in the schools of Albion and Wellsburg. For several years he engaged in farming with his father and was later employed by the Bessemer Railroad Company until 1910, when he became interested in the lumber business. In 1918 Mr. Morrison became part owner and manager of the business which is known as the Albion Lumber Company, and which was established by A. W. Sergeant in 1907. The company carries a complete line of building materials and supplies and has an extensive trade throughout Erie County.

On July 7, 1909, Mr. Morrison was married to Miss Ethel V. Keep, a native of Albion, and a daughter of Willie O. and Eliza J. (McArthur) Keep, natives of Erie County. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison have two children:

Jack, born in July, 1910, a student at Albion High School; and Belle Louise, born March 11, 1919.

Mrs. Morrison's family is among the honored pioneer families of Erie County. Her father, Willie O. Keep, was born on the old homestead in Conneaut Township, Dec. 19, 1866, and on July 21, 1888, was married to Miss Eliza J. McArthur. Mr. and Mrs. Keep, who reside at Albion, are the parents of the following children: Mrs. Morrison, Pliny M., Cleora Sally, Andrew M., Milton H., Marshall, and Adella L. The Keep family have lived in Erie County since 1797, Marsena Keep having come here in that year from Long Meadow, Mass. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and died at Keepville, the town of which he was the founder, in 1851.

Asa Morrison is identified with the Republican party and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is an enterprising citizen and representative of the successful type of business men of the community.

George N. Marshall, well known retired farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Erie County, was born on the farm where he now lives in North East Township, April 22, 1840, and is the son of Robert and Martha (Johnston) Marshall.

Both Robert Marshall and his wife were natives of County Tyrone, Ireland. They were married in Ireland and came to America in 1829 and located at Solon, Ohio, where they lived until 1836. They then decided to return to Ireland and had reached Buffalo, N. Y., when the mother was taken ill with cholera. At Buffalo they met a friend, Ed Graham, who told them of Erie and induced them to return to Erie County, which they did when the mother recovered her health. They settled in North East Township, buying 50 acres of land and then followed farming until the death of Robert Marshall, Dec. 25, 1875. His widow died Nov. 9, 1894. They were the parents of seven children: James, Maria J., Elizabeth, Margaret, Robert W., George N., the subject of this sketch, and Thomas O. All are now deceased except George N.

George N. Marshall received his education in the district schools of North East Township and was successfully engaged in farming until 1904, when he retired. He owns 92 acres of land.

On Aug. 18, 1869, Mr. Marshall was united in marriage with Miss Emma L. Edgerton, and they have four children: Minnie, married Frank Rater, lives near the Marshall farm in North East Township; Margaret

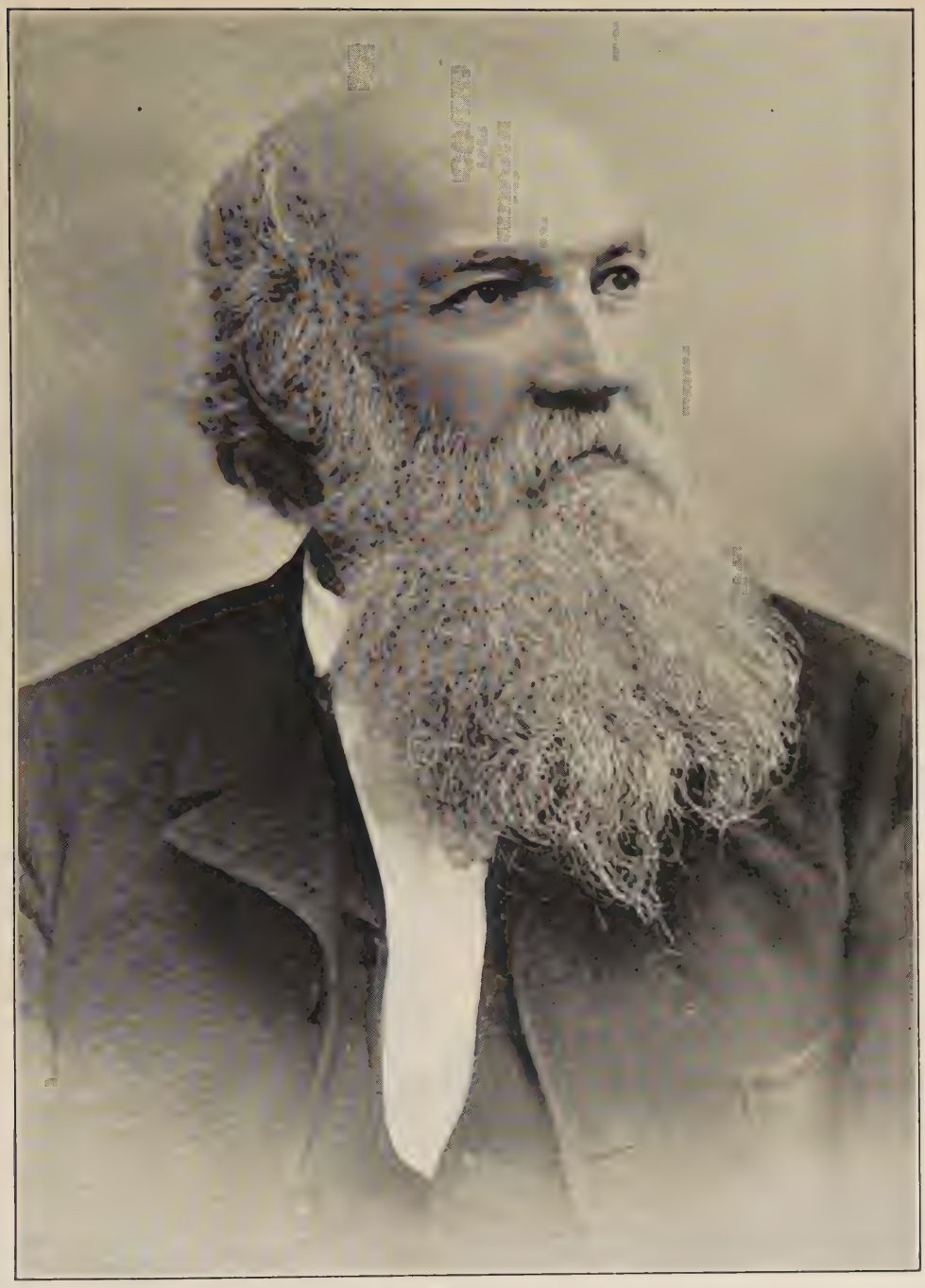
at home; Frank, lives at home and operates the farm; and Adgate, married Catherine Spacht, lives near the old homestead.

Mr. Marshall is independent in politics and has a wide acquaintance in the community where he has spent his entire life.

Lewis W. Olds, deceased, was among the prominent and influential citizens of Erie County. He was born in East Mill Creek Township, July 21, 1822, the son of Asa Gilbert Olds, a native of Alstead, N. H., born Nov. 15, 1793, and who, when a child, was taken to Williamstown, Vt., where he resided until the spring of 1816, when he came to East Mill Creek, Erie County. Here he died Dec. 8, 1877. He married April 16, 1821, Lucy Church, a native of Winchester, Conn., who bore him five children: Lewis W., the subject of this sketch; Nelson, Erskine, Clarissa E., and Emily J. John Church, father of Lucy (Church) Olds, enlisted when 18 years of age in the Patriot Army at Saybrook, Conn., and went with Arnold to the siege of Quebec in 1776. He was present at the battle of Saratoga and assisted Arnold off his horse when there wounded.

Lewis W. Olds received a part of his early education in a small log school house in the country with a slab bench for a seat. He finished his academic course at the Erie Academy and was married in Erie, May 9, 1848, to Louisa E. Ackerly, born at Middletown, N. Y., April 10, 1826. To this union were born the following children: Inez Tayntor, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; Clark, born at East Mill Creek, July 14, 1850, died Aug. 14, 1922, was married to Lidia Kaetor of Cortland, N. Y., who died Dec. 18, 1919, and they are buried in the Erie Cemetery; Nettie, born Sept. 17, 1854, married on Dec. 17, 1884, to Frank M. Lamb, who died Oct. 14, 1920, and she resides at 617 Chestnut Street, Erie, and a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; Phila, born Nov. 20, 1857, the widow of James W. Cole, and she lives at Greencastle, Ind., a sketch of whom also appears in this history; William C., born Aug. 17, 1859, resides at Norfolk, Va.; Florence Elizabeth, born Nov. 9, 1863, died Oct. 10, 1909; and Charlotte, born Sept. 3, 1865, married Dec. 26, 1894, to John C. Thomas, an attorney, and they live in Erie.

Lewis W. Olds commenced the manufacture of pumps in East Mill Creek in 1844 and moved his pump works to Erie in 1853, and was the first man in the United States, and probably in the world, to reduce the old log pump to an article of commerce. In 1869 he lost heavily through a fire, but later regained his fortune and at the time of his death,



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June 25, 1908, was the owner of a great deal of real estate. His wife, who was born in Delaware County, Pa., April 26, 1826, died Aug. 12, 1901.

Mr. Olds was a member of the Masonic Lodge, having joined the order at Westfield, N. Y., before a chapter was organized in Erie. He was a staunch Republican, and took an active interest in all public and civic affairs, being especially interested in historical and geneological matters. Mr. Olds was a man of strong ideas, firm in his convictions and master of every situation in which he found himself.

Emery Fisk Bristol, known in Albion as an excellent citizen and successful business man, is a member of a well known pioneer family of Erie County. He was born in Girard Township, Nov. 6, 1871, and is the son of Samuel and Sarah (Mills) Bristol.

Samuel Bristol was born in Concord Township, Erie County, in 1836, the son of Miles and Betsy (DeForest) Bristol, a farmer and school teacher who migrated from New York State at an early date. Sarah Mills Bristol was born in New York June 20, 1832, the daughter of Augustus and Ann (Owen) Mills, who came to Erie County in 1844. Samuel Bristol spent his entire life in Girard Township and was a successful farmer. He died in 1898, and his wife died in 1918. They were the parents of the following children: Carson, deceased; Ellen, the widow of Walter Jennes, living in Erie; Achaia, married William Chapman, lives at East Springfield, Pa.; Miles, O., a merchant at East Springfield; George A., a merchant at West Springfield; and Emery Fisk, the subject of this sketch.

Emery Fisk Bristol received his education in the schools of East Springfield and Girard Township. At the age of 18 years he was employed as a clerk in a general store at Springfield owned by Townsend Webster. In March, 1910, Mr. Bristol established his present business, which is one of the leading business enterprises in the community. It is the only furniture store in Albion and one of the largest in this section of the county.

In June, 1895, Mr. Bristol was married to Miss Carrie Ferguson, deceased. To this union a son was born, Howard, who was educated in the public schools of Albion and the University of Pittsburgh, where he studied dentistry. He is now practicing his profession at Conneautville, Pa. He was married to Miss Leone Locke, and they have a son, Robert. Dr. Bristol is a veteran of the World War. On Sept. 29, 1898, Mr. Bristol was married to Miss Harriet Barnes, of Albion, and the daughter of Robert and Lucy Barnes, both deceased. They have a son, Charles V., a student at

Albion High School. Mrs. Bristol was graduated from Edinboro State Normal School in 1893 and was a teacher in the schools of Conneautville Township before her marriage.

Mr. Bristol is a Republican, a member of the Methodist church and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Howard Barns is a successful and well known young business man of Albion, and a veteran of the World War. He was born at Albion, May 24, 1893, and is the son of H. J. and Kate (Barnes) Barns.

H. J. Barns is a native of this place and the son of Robert Barns who established the present dry goods business in Albion in 1850. H. J. Barns is still actively engaged in this business, and is among the prominent merchants of Erie County. He has served as a member of the Albion city council and the local school board for many years and is highly esteemed. Howard, the subject of this sketch, is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Barns.

Howard Barns attended the public and high schools of Albion and was graduated from Allegheny College. He has since been interested in the dry goods business with his father and became part owner in 1919. During the World War Mr. Barns volunteered for service and enlisted in the officers training school at Camp Green, N. C.

On June 10, 1919, Mr. Barns was united in marriage with Miss Lyda S. Sparling, of Erie, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sparling, residents of Erie. They have a daughter, Marjory Ann, born March 11, 1923.

Mr. Barns is a Republican, a member of the Methodist church, a 32nd degree Mason,and belongs to the Conneaut Country Club. He is popular among his wide circle of friends in Erie County.

Rial B. Wright, now living in Littlehope, Greenfield Township, is among Erie County's substantial citizens. He was born in North East Township, Feb. 19, 1865, and is the son of Sherman and Eunice (Tousey) Wright.

Sherman Wright was a native of Canada and at an early date settled in New York, coming to Erie County in 1855. He died Jan. 20, 1910, and his wife died in 1908. They are buried in North East cemetery. R. B., the subject of this sketch, is their only child.

R. B. Wright was reared and educated in North East Township and began business for himself when 18 years old, running a threshing machine for 11 years. From 1883 until 1903 he engaged in the saw mill

and lumber business at North East and from that time until 1923 lived in Alabama, where he was engaged in the same business. Since 1923 he has lived at Littlehope, Greenfield Township. He owns a farm which was purchased by him in 1909.

On March 18, 1886, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Emma A. Crispen, the daughter of James and Adeline Crispen of East Bradford, Pa. They have three children: Edna May, married E. M. Sweet, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; Lola P., married Leo King, lives near Wesleyville, Pa., and they have four children, Arthur, Robert, Doris and Louis; and James, engaged at Greenfield with E. M. Sweet.

Mr. Wright is justice of the peace, has served as road supervisor and school director. He is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is esteemed throughout his community as a reliable man.

George W. Steward, a leading citizen of Albion, and a member of one of the early pioneer families of Erie County, was born in Elk Creek Township, Erie County, July 3, 1870, and is the son of Perry D. and Celia (Winchester) Steward.

Perry D. Steward, deceased, was a native of Erie County and the son of Jonathan Steward, who settled here during the very early days. The former engaged in general farming during his early life and later followed the carpenter trade in the city of Erie. He died in 1912, and his wife, who was born in Elk Creek Township in 1851, resides with her son George W. To Mr. and Mrs. Steward the following children were born: George W., the subject of this sketch; Grace H., married Charles Cummings, lives at Providence, R. I.; Shirley Munson, deceased; Nellie, married F. S. Powell, lives in Erie; and Belle, first married Herbert Cleveland, deceased, and lives in Albion, Pa., with her second husband, Frank Woodard.

George W. Steward received his education in the district schools and for several years engaged in farming with his father. He learned the carpenter trade and until 1917 was interested in the building business. He then purchased the Albion Hotel, which he has since successfully conducted. It is well known throughout this section for its excellent food and good service.

On Nov. 24, 1894, Mr. Steward was married to Miss Rhoda E. Warren, who died in January, 1914, leaving four children: Clifford P., a World War veteran, married Sadie E. Morrow, of Paterson, N. J.; Thora C., mar-

ried Earl T. Cherry, of Albion, and they have a son, Wallace Milton; Arthur, lives in Cleveland, married Margaret Williams; and Francis, deceased. On Dec. 23, 1914, Mr. Steward was married to Mrs. Hattie E. Jones, a daughter of George and Cora Capin, both deceased. They have a daughter, Grace H., born Sept. 14, 1915.

Mr. Steward is a Republican and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Charles A. Mertens. Numbered among the representative members of the bar of Erie County is Charles A. Mertens, who is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in Erie. He was born in this city, May 30, 1875, and is the son of August and Louise (Ester) Mertens, both natives of Germany, who were married in Erie.

Charles A. Mertens was educated in the public schools of Erie and was graduated from high school in 1893. In the following year he began reading law in the office of H. J. Curtze, of Erie, and in 1897 he was admitted to the bar of his native county, and since that time has been admitted to practice in the state and federal courts. After being admitted to the bar he continued to be associated in practice with his former preceptor, Mr. Curtze, until 1903, since which time he has conducted an individual professional business, with offices at 14 East Eighth Street. He has shown distinctive ability as a trial lawyer and has proved a safe and conservative counsel. His practice runs extensively into the line of real estate and orphan's court practice on which subject he is considered an authority.

Mr. Mertens has ever manifested a zealous interest in the cause of the Republican party, and in its behalf has rendered effective service. In 1900-01 he represented Erie County in the State Legislature, where he made an excellent record as a careful and conscientious worker for effective legislation. In 1904-05 he was chairman of the Republican County Committee of Erie County, and during the incumbency of this position he showed much ability and discrimination in marshaling the forces at his command.

Mr. Mertens was married in 1914 to May L. Fehrenbach, and to them have been born six children as follows: Francis, Charles A., Jr., Adolph A., Edward H., John Robert, and Donald A.

Mr. Mertens and his family hold membership in St. John's Lutheran Church and he is identified with the Masonic Lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has been an active worker in this organization

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having served as grand master of the I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from 1923 until 1924. He also belongs to the Elks Lodge, the Kahkwa Club, Erie Yacht Club, and other social organizations in his home city.

Frank E. Jenkins is among the substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Albion. He was born in Crawford County, Pa., May 21, 1878, and is the son of George M. and Minerva (Watson) Jenkins.

George M. Jenkins was a native of Crawford County, born May 3, 1855. He was engaged in general farming and stock-raising the greater part of his life and met with success. He and his wife are deceased. She was the daughter of Conrad Watson, an early settler of Crawford County. To Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins were born six children, as follows: Frank E., the subject of this sketch; Mae, married E. J. Wright, lives at Albion; Iva, married Fred Salisbury, lives in Conneaut Township, Erie County; John, born April 12, 1889, a teacher in the Girard (Pa.) schools; Gladys, born June 16, 1894, married Park Irwin, lives at Albion; and Doris, born in September, 1897, married LeRoy House, deceased, and she later married M. Mitchell, and lives in Denver, Col.

After completing his schooling in the public schools, Frank E. Jenkins followed general farming until he reached the age of 26 years, when he suffered a serious illness and was left an invalid. He has since engaged in business in Albion and in 1916 purchased his present business from Freeman & Ocker, and conducts what is known as the Jenkins Billiard Hall. Mr. Jenkins has met with success in this business venture and has a large patronage.

Mr. Jenkins is a Republican and has a wide acquaintance in the community.

Mott DeWolfe, who is engaged in the coal business at Albion is one of the well known and successful business men of that section. He was born in Conneaut Township, Erie County, Jan. 4, 1882, and is the son of Augustus and Alida (Marsh) DeWolfe.

Augustus DeWolfe, deceased, was born in Springfield Township, Erie County, July 7, 1857, and died in 1912. He was an extensive land owner and a leading citizen of his community, having served for many years as school director and road commissioner. His wife, a native of New York, resides with her daughter, Mrs. B. E. Kinney. To Mr. and Mrs. DeWolfe,

six children were born, as follows: Dallas M., a fruit farmer, lives in the Isle of Pines, Cuba; Cora, married B. E. Kinney, lives at Cherry Hill, Erie County; Blanche, a doctor of chiropractic, lives in Washington; Mott, the subject of this sketch; Rush, lives in Erie, is a World War veteran; and one child died in infancy.

Mott DeWolfe was reared and educated at Albion and engaged in farming with his father until 21 years of age, when he became connected with the Bessemer Railroad as a trainman and later as station agent. In 1914 he became interested in the coal business in which enterprise he has met with success.

On July 2, 1903, Mr. DeWolfe was united in marriage with Miss Pearl C. Bancroft, who was born in Conneaut Township, the daughter of J. J. and Louise (Thompson) Bancroft. A strange coincident concerning the lives of Mr. and Mrs. DeWolfe is that they were born in the same house and in the very same room. They have no children.

Politically Mr. DeWolfe is a Republican and he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Emmett C. Wilson. One of the well known and highly esteemed of the younger attorneys of the city of Erie is Emmett C. Wilson, who has offices with Miles B. Kitts at 25 East 8th Street. He was born in this city, Aug. 23, 1900, and is the son of Clyde C. and Mamie M. (Deck) Wilson.

Clyde C. Wilson was a native of Sharpsville, Pa., and his wife was born in Berlin, Germany. He attended medical school for several years, but engaged in business later, being a successful merchant of Erie for a number of years. He is deceased and his wife resides in Erie. They had two sons: Emmett C., the subject of this sketch; and Grant, who also resides in Erie.

After receiving his early education in the public schools of Erie, Emmett C. Wilson was graduated from the School of Economics at the University of Pittsburgh. He received his degree in law at the same institution in 1924, and has since been engaged in the practice of his profession in Erie.

On Oct. 31, 1923, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Miss Aline McElhainey, a native of Indianapolis, Ind., and the daughter of Alexander and Henrietta (Gagel) McElhainey. They were born at Marion, Ind., and now reside in Pittsburgh, Pa. Another daughter, Lillian McElhainey, married Raymond Mater, and lives at 1339 Elm Street, Youngstown,

Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson a son has been born, Emmett C., Jr., born Sept. 5, 1924.

Mr. Wilson is an independent voter. He is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Delta Theta Phi fraternity, of which he served as treasurer for one year. He was also a delegate to the national convention of the fraternity several years ago, and in the capacity of tribune for the succeeding year. He also holds membership in the Delta Sigma Rho, an honorary debating fraternity. During the World War, Mr. Wilson was a member of the Students' Army Training Corps.

Fred D. Spaulding is a progressive and enterprising business man of Albion, where he is local manager and representative of the Atlantic Refining Company. He is a native of this county, born in Conneaut Township, July 20, 1878, and the son of Randall D. and Florence (Kinney) Spaulding.

Randall D. Spaulding, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Conneaut Township and was the son of Dexter Spaulding, one of the first settlers of Erie County. Randall D. Spaulding was a stone mason by trade and also owned a small farm at Cherry Hill. He held many public offices and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He died in March, 1918, and his wife lives at Conneaut, Ohio, and is now 71 years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding were born five children: Fred D., the subject of this sketch; Imogene, married O. L. Brewster, lives at Conneaut, Ohio; Dexter W., postmaster and editor of the Conneautville (Pa.) Courier; and two children died in infancy.

Fred D. Spaulding was educated in the district schools and when a boy learned the painter's trade, which he followed for five years. He then entered the employ of the Bessemer Railroad as a brakeman, and was later promoted to conductor. Mr. Spaulding also owned a well improved farm of 50 acres, which he sold in 1918 and he has since lived at Albion and held his present position.

On Oct. 31, 1898, Mr. Spaulding was united in marriage with Miss Deborah Badger, a native of Conneaut Township, Erie County, and the daughter of Henry and Eleanor (Nash) Badger. Mr. Badger died March 7, 1925, and his wife died in 1900. Before her marriage, Mrs. Spaulding was a teacher. To Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding a daughter was born, Eleanor, born May 7, 1902. She attended the public and high schools of Albion and after her graduation in 1920 spent a year at St. Luke's Hospital, Cleve-

land, Ohio, and also a year at Battle Creek, Mich. She is now a student at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, where she has taken a special course in public health.

Politically, Mr. Spaulding is a Republican. His family are members of the Methodist church and he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both he and his family have a wide acquaintance in Erie County and are favorably known.

Robert W. Shepard, manufacturing optician, located at 115 West Ninth Street, is among the reliable and successful business men of Erie. He was born in Union Township, Erie County, Dec. 22, 1881, and is the son of Royal D. and Malinda L. (Johnson) Shepard.

Royal D. Shepard, also a native of Union Township, was born in 1851. He ran the stage coach from Wattsburg to Erie during the early days and was later employed at the Hanna docks in Erie. After a number of years in the employ of the Soldiers Home at Erie, he engaged in the grocery business at Erie. He has lived retired since 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard, who have been married 49 years, are the parents of the following children: Eugene H., engaged in the real estate business at Erie; Estella, the wife of Dexter D. Morey, lives in Erie; Aurie, who died at the age of five years; and Robert W., the subject of this sketch.

Robert W. Shepard received his education in the public schools of Erie and in 1899 began the study of optometry. After completing a course at South Bend, Ind., he was graduated from the Philadelphia Optical College and for the past 18 years has followed his profession in Erie. In connection with the practice of optometry, Mr. Shepard conducts a manufacturing plant in which he makes all of the tools for specially ground lenses, requiring only about a half hour for making a tool for any special lense. The plant is modern and up-to-date in every detail. The business was started in 1906 with an apprentice and has grown to such an extent that six skilled assistants are now employed. He has established one of the important business institutions of the community.

On June 21, 1905, Mr. Shepard was united in marriage at Holyoke, Mass., with Miss Alice M. Chapin of Batavia, N. Y. They have three children: Mildred A., born June 11, 1908; Arthur J., born Nov. 18, 1910; and Donald D., born Dec. 18, 1913.

Mr. Shepard is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, is a 32nd degree Mason and belongs to the Erie Consistory, Mt. Olivet Com-

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mandery and Zem Zem Shrine. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Erie Golf Club and the Erie Yacht Club. Mr. Shepard is held in high regard throughout the community and is an excellent citizen.

Mrs. Nettie (Olds) Lamb, who now resides at 617 Chestnut Street, Erie, is a native of this city. She was born at 511 Chestnut Street, Sept. 17, 1854, and is the daughter of Lewis W. and Louisa E. (Ackerly) Olds. A biography of Lewis W. Olds appears elsewhere in this history.

On Dec. 17, 1884, Nettie Olds was united in marriage with Frank M. Lamb, a native of Erie, born Dec. 14, 1854. He was a banker and identified with the Keystone Bank of Erie until the time of its failure. He later removed to Montgomery, Ala., in 1900, where he promoted the Graphite Milling Company, and where he died Oct. 14, 1920. He is buried in the Erie cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Lamb two children were born: Clark Victor, born in Erie, May 2, 1887, superintendent of the U. S. Engineers at Columbus, Ga., served with the 319th U. S. Engineers during the World War, married to Nettie Savage Kieth of Camden, Ala.; and Catherine Louise, born at Erie, June 27, 1891, married on Oct. 15, 1913, to J. Douglas Murphy, and they reside in Erie, where he is engaged in the real estate and insurance business.

Mrs. Lamb is a Republican, a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and a charter member of the Erie Women's Club and the Art Club. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and holds the position of vice regent of Presque Isle Chapter.

Frank M. Lamb was a 32nd degree Mason and a Republican. He was an energetic citizen, who stood well in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

Mrs. Phila (Olds) Cole, of Erie, is a member of a family that has long been identified with the history of Erie County. She was born in this city, Nov. 20, 1857, and is the daughter of Lewis W. and Louisa E. (Ackerly) Olds. A complete sketch of Lewis W. Olds appears elsewhere in this history.

Phila Olds was born and reared in Erie County. She was married to James W. Cole, a native of Dearborn County, Ind., born Feb. 2, 1820. He died June 5, 1907, and is buried at Greencastle, Ind. Mr. Cole established the Cole Brothers Lightning Rod Company of Greencastle, Ind., before the Civil War and became president of the firm. In 1898 he sold his interests to his brothers and retired. He was a Republican and a

member of the Masonic lodge. To Mr. and Mrs. Cole a son was born, James Gilbert Cole, born Sept. 20, 1894. He is a graduate of Culver Military Academy and served in the army during the World War as an instructor in the Officers' Training School at Porto Rico. He now resides in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Cole is a Republican, a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Inez (Olds) Tayntor is widely known in Erie and is among the esteemed women of Erie County where she has spent so many years. She was born at Farmington, Ohio, March 11, 1849, and is the daughter of the late Lewis W. and Louisa E. (Ackerly) Olds, a sketch of whom appears in this history.

Inez Olds was married to Eugene N. Tayntor, who was a native of West Eaton, N. Y., born Jan. 22, 1847, and the son of Joseph and Marietta (Bebbe) Tayntor, both now deceased. Mr. Tayntor was manager of the Tayntor Granite Quarries of Barre, Vt., for 20 years and died there Aug. 28, 1911, and is buried in Erie cemetery. To Eugene N. and Inez (Olds) Tayntor two sons were born: Lewis Olds, born Nov. 3, 1886, attended the public schools of Barre, Vt., and later assigned to the State Department of Health, Maryland, and now a medical student at the University of Maryland; and Clark Olds, born Oct. 10, 1892, mention of whom is made below.

Clark Olds Tayntor attended the public and high schools of Barre, Vt., from which he was graduated in 1911. Four years later he received his degree from Yale University and then entered the Law School of Harvard University. During his senior year there he volunteered for service during the World War and served overseas with the 47th Infantry as a first lieutenant. He was severely wounded during the second battle of the Marne, on July 28, 1918, and was later with the Army of Occupation in Germany. He was awarded the distinguished service cross by Gen. John J. Pershing in the absence of the president, for bravery in action. He resigned his commission Jan. 20, 1920, and returned to Harvard Law School, where he received his degree in 1922. Mr. Tayntor is now practicing his profession in Erie and is connected with the firm of Brooks, English & Quinn.

Mrs. Inez Tayntor is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Erie County Historical Society and the Daughters of

the American Revolution. She and her family have always been well and favorably known in Pennsylvania and are representative of the best citizenship of the state.

C. L. Blair, who is successfully engaged in the coal business at Albion, was born at Corwith, Iowa, Jan. 17, 1879, and is the son of Cyrus and Della (Raymond) Blair.

Cyrus Blair, a native of Crawford County, Pa., died in 1885 when his son was but six years of age. His widow then went west with her daughters, Bertha and Lottie, where they made their home. C. L., the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated by his grandfather, Hugh Blair, a well known farmer of Crawford County, who died in 1897.

At an early age C. L. Blair entered the employ of the Bessemer Railroad as a freight trainman and was later made conductor. He has been in the employ of this company for 21 years and is also interested in the coal business at Albion.

In 1903 Mr. Blair was married at Buffalo, to Miss Lottie G. Peters, a native of Pennsylvania. They have three children: Stanley, born Oct. 8, 1907; Doris, born Aug. 6, 1920; and Harold, born Feb. 13, 1922.

Mr. Blair is affiliated with the B. of R. T. He is esteemed throughout the community as a substantial and reliable citizen.

Willis F. Wolf, who lives retired at North East, was for many years a leading farmer of Erie County. He was born in Mill Creek Township, July 16, 1857, and is the son of Isaac and Eliza (Meyers) Wolf.

Isaac Wolf, deceased, was a member of one of the pioneer families of Erie County. He was born in Lancaster County, Pa., April 11, 1827, the son of Cyrus and Mary (Platt) Wolf. They came from their native county of Lancaster to Mill Creek Township in 1838. Isaac Wolf was a prosperous farmer during his life and died Aug. 15, 1904. His wife, a native of Fairview Township, Erie County, was born Oct. 7, 1832, and died March 7, 1909. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wolf were: Clara, married F. J. Moore, lives in Philadelphia; Perry A., lives at Ripley, N. Y.; Willis F., the subject of this sketch; Edward, who died in infancy; Frank, who died at the age of 19 years; Nelson, a fruit farmer, lives at State Line; Mary, married John Beatty, deceased, and she lives at North East; Charles, a fruit farmer, lives at Ripley, N. Y.; and Boyd, lives at State Line.

Willis F. Wolf was reared and educated in North East Township, his

family having removed here when he was three years of age. For many years he specialized in the raising of fruit and owned 67 acres of well improved land on the State Line Road, which he sold in 1912. He has since lived retired in North East.

Mr. Wolf was married to Miss Elsie Cora Wolsey, a native of Elk Creek Township, Erie County, who was born June 27, 1860, and died Feb. 3, 1915. To them three children were born: Ford, born Oct. 10, 1882, a hardware merchant at Ripley, N. Y.; Frank Levi, lives in Girard Township, Erie County; and Mrs. Bessie Grimshaw, who lives in Girard Township. Mr. Wolf was married later to Miss Alice Newton, deceased. He was married the third time to Mrs. Jennie T. Ross, the widow of William Ross, and she died March 23, 1924. His fourth wife was Miss Lucy Fellows, a native of Albion, and a daughter of Jonathan and Altha (Bradish) Fellows, both deceased.

Mr. Wolf is a substantial citizen of his community.

John Depinet is among the honored and well known residents of Erie, where he was born Nov. 14, 1855. He is the son of Michael and Mary (Ehret) Depinet, natives of Alsace-Loraine and Germany, respectively, who emigrated and located in Erie in 1853. He was a prominent building contractor and died in 1881. His wife died in 1856.

John Depinet was educated in the public schools and Erie Academy, and in 1877 accepted a position as bookkeeper in the office of William Densmore. After five years' faithful service in this capacity, he became a member of the firm of William Densmore & Company, and traveled in the interest of the company. In 1890 he was elected register and recorder of Erie County and re-elected in 1893. From 1897 until 1903 he operated the Erie Stove Works and in 1898 was elected mayor of Erie, which office he filled in a most competent manner for three years. In 1906 Mr. Depinet moved to New Orleans, La., where he represented the first motion picture firm of that city. He returned to Erie in 1916 and was appointed court crier in 1921, which position he still holds.

Mr. Depinet was married on Oct. 2, 1882, to Miss Jessie, only daughter of William and Harriet (Dewey) Densmore, of Erie. She was born May 30, 1858, and died in 1900. To Mr. and Mrs. Depinet two sons were born: Fred Ehret, born Sept. 16, 1886, married Marie Roberts of Erie, and they reside at Gardner, Mass., where he is treasurer and office manager of the W. O. Siebert & Company; and Ned Everett, born Sept. 9, 1890, married

Alida Kammac of Dallas, Texas, and they reside in New York City, where he is sales manager for the Universal Film Company of New York.

Mr. Depinet is a Republican, a member of the Elks lodge and he also is a member of Perry Lodge No. 392, Masonic Blue Lodge, Commandery and Shrine. Public spirited and with the best interests of the community at heart, he is ever ready to support and encourage by his means and influence all worthy enterprises of a public or charitable nature.

E. Sears McCumber is a progressive and enterprising business man of Erie, where he is successfully engaged in the advertising business. He was born at Franklin Center, Erie County, Aug. 13, 1893, and is the son of William M. and Minnie (Sears) McCumber.

William M. McCumber was a native of Albion, Pa., where he was born Aug. 24, 1862. He engaged in the blacksmith trade for a number of years and was also a prosperous farmer. He died in February, 1919, and is buried at Wellsburg, Pa. His wife, who was born at Cassadaga, N. Y., lives in Erie. Mr. and Mrs. McCumber, who were married at Albion, Pa., June 20, 1889, were the parents of the following children: E. Sears, the subject of this sketch; Leo B., born at French Creek, N. Y., Jan. 20, 1897, mention of whom is made below; Vernon, born Nov. 3, 1898, married Opal Curtiss, of Cranesville, Pa.; Norine, born May 9, 1900, married Clifford A. Peters, a farmer, lives at Cranesville, Pa.; Clara, born Nov. 18, 1902, married Earl Goodenow, a farmer, lives at Cranesville, Pa.; and Enola, born Sept. 5, 1904, lives at Wesleyville, Pa.

Leo B. McCumber is a veteran of the World War. He was stationed at Debarkation Hospital No. 6, New York city, and while there contracted diphtheria. He was married to Miss Dorothea Burett, of Erie, and they reside in this city.

E. Sears McCumber received his education in the schools of French Creek and Sherman, N. Y., and after his graduation from high school he engaged in farming until 1916, at which time he came to Erie as advertising manager for the Osborne, Norman & Zahniser Company. On March 1, 1924, he established the E. Sears McCumber Advertising Agency, which is located in the Hayes Building. He is also owner of the E. Sears McCumber Advertising Agency of Jamestown, N. Y., which was established in April, 1924. They specialize in market research work, sales development, merchandizing ideas, and the planning, preparing and placing of advertising for manufacturers and business concerns. In 1923 Mr. Mc-

Cumber organized a class in Salesmanship and Advertising at the Academy High School, which is held three evenings each week.

On Aug. 29, 1914, Mr. McCumber was married to Miss Hazel Perdue, of Ripley, N. Y., who was born there Aug. 29, 1893, the daughter of George and Clara (Cummings) Perdue, residents of Ripley. To Mr. and Mrs. McCumber have been born five children: G. Maurice, born Sept. 1, 1915; Vera Louise, born March 23, 1917; W. Harold, born Aug. 19, 1919; Mazie Magdalen, born Feb. 17, 1921; and Earnest Douglas, born March 26, 1923.

Mr. McCumber was one of the organizers and is a charter member of the Erie Advertising Club. He served as secretary and treasurer and as a member of the board of directors for two years.

Lowell M. Little, deceased, was a well known business man and leading citizen of Erie. He was a native of Ohio, born at Aurora, Portage County, Jan. 1, 1847. In 1865 he came to Erie and entered the office of the American Express Company, but later was transferred to Titusville, Pa. While residing there he became connected with the Titusville National Bank, but in 1870 returned to Erie, where he remained until his death. He served as secretary and director of the W. L. Scott Coal Company for 30 years, relinquishing his position only when compelled to retire from active business on account of failing health. For many years he was also a director of the First National Bank. His ability, fidelity, and elevating influence made him a welcome and a prominent personage in the specific circles of religious and charitable workers. In the Park Presbyterian Church he was a strong supporting pillar for many years, being long the leader of its choir, for eight years superintendent of the Sunday School, and during the last three years of his life one of its elders. He was also for some time president of the local organization of the Y. M. C. A., and held other positions on the boards of various religious, charitable, and benevolent bodies. Fully alive to the elevating effects of a general mental enlightenment upon the public, he was always a firm and earnest supporter of the city library, being one of its original trustees.

In 1872 Mr. Little married Susan Brewster, daughter of Alexander W. Brewster. Her father was a native of Allegheny County, Pa., born in 1796, and in 1806 was brought by his parents to Erie, where he became a leading citizen. He served as sheriff of Erie County, was the last burgess of the city, and held other honorable offices. Mr. Brewster died May 26,

1851, and his was the first interment in Erie cemetery, of which he was one of the incorporators. His wife, (nee Susan M. Jones) was a native of Connecticut and died in 1886. Susan (Brewster) Little was born in Erie, Oct. 29, 1839. She has spent her entire life in this city and now resides at 254 West 9th Street. She is a member of the Park Presbyterian Church, and like her husband, has always taken an active part in all church work.

To Lowell M. and Susan (Brewster) Little a daughter was born, Margaret, born in Erie in 1879. She was married to F. A. Cleveland, a native of Palmyra, N. Y., born Aug. 1, 1876. He was graduated from Cornell University in 1899, and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. He was a professor of modern history at Bryn Mawr College, and died at Saranac Lake, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1914. He is buried in Erie cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland were born two daughters: Susan Brewster, born June 15, 1904; and Catharine Aldrich, born at Fryburg, Germany, April 2, 1910. They are students at Vassar College. Mrs. Cleveland, who resides with her mother in Erie, is also a member of the Park Presbyterian Church. She is a member of the Women's Club, the League of Women Voters, the Council of Republican Women, and the Kahkwa and Erie Yacht clubs. Her mother is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

M. H. Lee, proprietor of the Perry Electric Company, is well known in Erie as a progressive business man. He was born at Corry, Pa., June 26, 1881, and is the son of W. H. and Phoebe (Hall) Lee.

W. H. Lee was born at Little Valley, N. Y., Dec. 2, 1829, and his wife was a native of Castleton, Vt., born April 14, 1847. He died in 1900 and his wife died in 1917, and they are buried at Corry. Mr. Lee was a building contractor and for a number of years was superintendent of bridges and general purchasing agent for the old Cross Cut Railroad.

M. H. Lee received his education in the public schools at Corry and when a young man learned the mattress making trade. In 1900 he became interested in the electric business and in 1915 purchased a half interest in the Perry Electric Company. Two years later he became sole owner of the business. He is the local agent for the Philadelphia Storage Battery Company and also the Electric Storage Battery Company of Philadelphia. He does general repair work on all kinds of batteries. He has a well equipped shop at 217 West 11th Street. Mr. Lee handles the Walker and Steinmetz Electric street trucks.

On Feb. 7, 1906, Mr. Lee was united in marriage with Miss Pearl Noble of Tidioute, Pa., born Dec. 19, 1882, and the daughter of Andrew J. and Amelia (Bishop) Noble, both deceased. Mr. Noble served throughout the Civil War as a member of the 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have five children: Maurice J., born Dec. 17, 1906, a student at Central High School; Alice Virginia, born Feb. 4, 1910, a student at Central High School; Paul Noble, born Aug. 18, 1911, a student at Gridley Junior High School; Evelyn Elizabeth, born Sept. 17, 1914, a student at Longfellow school; and Muriel Lucille, born Feb. 28, 1920.

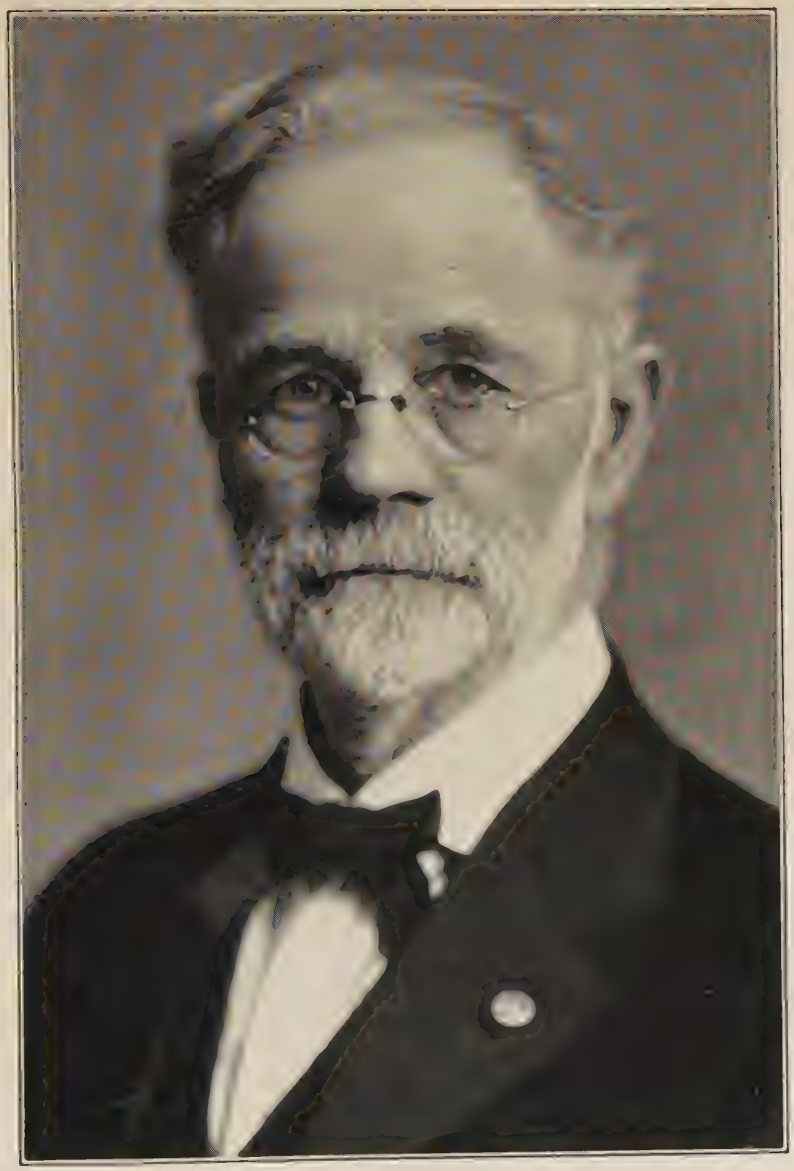
Mr. Lee is a Republican, a 32nd degree Mason, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Peter Leuschen is among the highly esteemed and well known pioneers of Erie and a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 5, 1849, and is the son of Mathias and Katherina (Uhlmann) Leuschen.

Mathias Leuschen was a native of Prussia and his wife was born in Wurtemberg, Germany. He was a Prussian soldier and emigrated to America in 1843 and settled in Buffalo, where he was married Feb. 23, 1846. In June, 1849, he came to Erie, where he died Aug. 6, 1869. To Mr. and Mrs. Leuschen the following children were born: Nickolas L., a prominent politician in Erie for a number of years and well known dry cleaner, died Oct. 7, 1896; Elizabeth, married Loth Mader, who died in March, 1911, and she lives at 1623 Cherry Street, Erie; Lena, married Frank Winchel, lives at 423 East 11th Street, Erie; George, born in 1855 and died in 1894; Frank, agriculturist, lives on West Lake Road, Fairview Township, Erie County; Henry, an electrical engineer for Scott & Company of Erie, who died in March, 1912; and Peter, the subject of this sketch.

Peter Leuschen spent his boyhood in Erie and attended the public schools. He was connected with the Erie & Pittsburgh Railroad for nine years, was superintendent of Shaw's Laundry for 16 years, and on Jan. 1, 1913, was appointed tipstaff by the judges of Erie County, which office he now holds.

Mr. Leuschen was married at New Castle, Pa., to Miss Mary Lincoln, of Warsaw, N. Y., who died in November, 1911. She was the daughter of J. and Eleanor (Barber) Lincoln, natives of Vermont and Warsaw, N. Y., respectively. They are deceased. To Peter and Mary (Lincoln) Leuschen



PETER LEUSCHEN

a son was born, Nicholas G., who lives at 118 West 25th Street, Erie, He was born April 5, 1878, and was married to Miss Clara Kern of Erie, and they have two children, Marion and George. Mr. Leuschen is a clerk in the employ of the Erie Police Department.

Mr. Leuschen is a member of the Strong Vincent Post No. 67 Grand Army of the Republic, and is past commander. He is an honorary member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and belongs to the Elks Lodge No. 67. In July, 1864, Mr. Leuschen enlisted in the U. S. Navy and was immediately assigned to the West Gulf Blockading squadron, and he remained there until the close of the war. He was then transferred across the Isthmus of Panama to join the U. S. S. Lancaster. The French had armed troops on American soil and were ordered to withdraw, and it was at this time that Maximilian, the French emperor of Mexico, was arrested and executed in 1867. Mr. Leuschen then sailed around Cape Horn, arriving in Norfolk, Va., in March, 1867, where he was discharged. Upon his arrival in Philadelphia he found that Captain Landman was recruiting former service men to make a tour of Europe with Admiral Farragut in command. He enlisted and went on the U. S. S. Franklin and while on this trip in Europe was received by all the crowned heads of Europe. Upon his return to this country he served on various ships until 1870, when he was discharged and returned to civilian life in Erie.

Mr. Leuschen has an extensive acquaintance in Erie County and stands high in the community.

John A. Ignasiak, who is successfully engaged in the practice of law in Erie, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in Poland, June 1, 1892, and is the son of Stanislaw and Mary (Teclaw) Ignasiak.

Stanislaw Ignasiak and his wife, now deceased, were natives of Poland where they spent their entire lives. They were the parents of the following children: Bronislawa, lives in Poland; Valentine, lives in Poland; Frances, lives in Erie; Catherine, lives in Poland; and John A., the subject of this sketch.

John A. Ignasiak received his early education in his native land and in Germany and came to this country in 1900. He was graduated from St. Stanislaw's School, Erie, and from St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Mich., in 1909. After two years post-graduate work at the latter institution he entered Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., in 1911, where he

received his degree in law in 1914. During the years 1913 and 1914 he was also a student at George Washington University, from which he received his degree as Bachelor of Arts in 1914. In 1914 Mr. Ignasiak entered the law firm of Charles Haughney and F. L. Camp, with whom he remained until February, 1915, when he established his own practice. His offices are located at 402 Ariel Building.

During the World War Mr. Ignasiak volunteered for service on June 28, 1918, and served with the Quartermaster's Corps, as a member of Company C, Headquarters, 331st Service Battalion. The month following his enlistment he was sent to France where he was in active service until the close of the war.

On July 15, 1920, Mr. Ignasiak was married to Miss Cecile M. Mrovka, a native of Johnstown, Pa., born Nov. 18, 1892, and the daughter of Valentine and Anastasia (Rezler) Mrovka, natives of Poland. Mr. Mrovka is deceased and his widow resides with Mr. and Mrs. Ignasiak. A son, Frank E. Mrovka, is an attorney at Johnstown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Ignasiak have a son, John F., born May 11, 1921.

Major Charles E. Sykes is among the highly esteemed and well known citizens of Erie, where he is identified with the Volunteers of America. He was born at Carlisle, Pa., June 22, 1860, and is the son of William and Catherine (Miller) Sykes.

William Sykes was born in Perry County, Pa., the son of Henry Sykes, of Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England, who came to this country when a small boy. William Sykes died in 1884, and is buried in Nebraska. His wife, a native of Hopewell, Pa., married a second time to William Gibson, of Carlisle, Pa., and a mechanical engineer. She died Aug. 2, 1890, and is buried in Williamsport, Pa. To William and Catherine (Miller) Sykes nine children were born, seven of whom are now living.

Charles E. Sykes was four years old when he left Carlisle, Pa., with his mother and step-father to go west. They lived for a short time in Fort Wayne, Ind., and then moved on to Oskaloosa, Iowa, and later to Newbern, Iowa. There they became part of a caravan consisting of 32 covered prairie schooners, which had formed along the way. When they reached Lincoln, Neb., it was incorporated as a boro. The trip required seven weeks and settled at Idaho Springs, Colo. It was here that Mr. Sykes received his early education and his step-father engaged in the lumber business and became one of the prominent citizens of the town. Mr. Gib-

son was a candidate for the first house of representatives when Colorado came into statehood. After his death, Mrs. Sykes and her son returned to Williamsport, Pa., where he resided until 1892. While living in the west he attended the State University of Colorado in 1878-79. In 1892 Mr. Sykes went west again to Denver, Colo., where he remained until his wife's death in 1897, after which he took up his residence in San Diego, Calif., where he became associated with the Volunteers of America. During the latter part of 1897 he was ordered to Chicago, becoming attached to the Northwestern Territorial Division of the Volunteers of America. From there he was sent out as musical director of the traveling brigade in the interest of spiritual work. In 1903 Mr. Sykes was transferred to San Francisco, Calif., and remained there until 1906. He was located there at the time of the earthquake and rendered splendid service to the stricken area. Mr. Sykes was transferred to Pittsburgh in 1906 to the Central Regiment and since coming to Erie has proven an active and willing worker in this good service.

On June 9, 1886, Mr. Sykes was united in marriage with Miss Alice Peeling, of Williamsport, Pa., and she died in Denver, Colo., in 1896 and is buried in Wildwood cemetery, Williamsport, Pa. To them were born three children: Charles E., born Sept. 26, 1891, an electrical engineer, Williamsport, Pa.; Louise, born Oct. 4, 1889, married M. Plankenhorn, manufacturer, Williamsport, Pa.; and Catherine, born April 22, 1888, married George Darlington, a banker, Westchester, Pa.

On Aug. 31, 1908, Mr. Sykes married Mrs. Carrie Lawton, of McKeesport, Pa., born March 13, 1861.

Mr. Sykes is identified with the Democratic party in politics and is affiliated with all the Masonic bodies as follows: Knights of Templar, 32nd degree, and the Zem Zem Shrine. He lives at 212 East 11th Street. Mr. and Mrs. Sykes have a wide circle of friends in Erie County and are well liked.

Mrs. Josephine (Moeller) Paasch is one of the women of Erie who has lived a long and useful life and made every year count for the good of her own family and the community in general. She was born at Flensburg, Holstein, Germany, Jan. 23, 1847, the daughter of Frederick A. and Marinka (Jensen) Moeller.

Frederick A. Moeller served throughout the Civil War and also served six years on the U. S. S. Michigan on Lake Erie, which is now the U. S. S.

Wolverine. He was born at Keil, Germany, in 1810, and was a shipbuilder. Mr. and Mrs. Moeller, deceased, are buried in Erie cemetery. They had two children: Josephine, the subject of this sketch; and George P. Moeller, born in 1852, married Lena Fischer of Erie, and they reside at 302 Peach Street, Erie.

Josephine Moeller was born in Germany and in 1866 she was married to John D. Paasch, a native of Germany, born Dec. 3, 1839. He was a prominent shipbuilder of Erie for many years and died March 3, 1893. To Mr. and Mrs. Paasch the following children were born: William D., died Nov. 26, 1923; Fred E., a member of the firm of Paasch Bros., shipbuilders; John E., also a member of the firm of Paasch Bros., was married to Anna M. Burns, and they live at 21 East 2nd Street, Erie; Lena M., office manager for the firm, lives with her mother; Louise M., a teacher at McKinley School, lives at home; and Laura C., a teacher at Perry School, lives at home.

Misses Laura C. and Louise M. Paasch were educated in the public schools of Erie and after completing their high school courses they were graduated from the city normal school. They are members of the Teachers' Association.

The Paasch homestead is at 215 West Front Street and the members of this pioneer family of Erie County are excellent citizens who hold the respect of the entire community.

Leonard T. McElroy, who is successfully engaged in the manufacturing business at Corry, is a prominent citizen of Erie County. He was born in Corry, Aug. 6, 1886, and is the son of William and Susie (Davis) McElroy.

William McElroy was born at Toronto, Canada, April 14, 1847, and was married at Lawrence, Kan., Aug. 14, 1870, to Susie Davis, who was born July 5, 1849. He died Oct. 7, 1916, and his wife died March 27, 1913. They are buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Corry.

Leonard T. McElroy was reared and educated in Corry. His first business experience was as an apprentice mechanic with the Trill Indicator Company of Corry. He was appointed manager of the works in 1910 and remained in their employ until 1916, when with three other business men he established the Standard Screw Company, which was reorganized the following year as the Standard Turnbuckle Company. During the World War the plant employed 900 men and produced about two-thirds of all the turnbuckles used by the government. Contracts were

also made with the British government. After the close of the war Mr. McElroy began the manufacture of automobile parts, as well as turnbuckles, and in 1920, the company became known as the Standard Automatic Products Company. At the present time it is the only plant in the world manufacturing aeronautical turnbuckles. About ten percent of the company's products are used by the U. S. navy and U. S. air service. The N. C. 4, which was the first airplane to cross the Atlantic ocean, the Shenandoah, and the "Around the World Planes" were equipped with turnbuckles made at this plant. The automobile products are used by the Studebaker Corporation, Chevrolet Corporation, Hupmobile and Paige Motor Company. Mr. McElroy, who is general manager and superintendent of the plant, was awarded a medal at the Panama Exposition in 1915 for a new type of rolling engine indicator, designed by him.

On Feb. 9, 1906, Mr. McElroy was married to Miss Rosa B. Munn, who was born at Corry, July 27, 1889, and the daughter of Charles W. and Matilda Belle (Leach) Munn, residents of Corry. Mr. Munn was born Oct. 17, 1858, and his wife was born Aug. 17, 1862. They have five children: Grace, born Aug. 7, 1882, died in infancy; Mrs. McElroy; Charles, born July 4, 1891, lives at Corry; Bertram, born Nov. 7, 1893, died in 1894; and Earl, born Nov. 29, 1895, lives in Corry. To Mr. and Mrs. McElroy six children have been born: Walter L., born June 25, 1907, a student at Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh; Grace, born July 4, 1908, died Oct. 7, 1908; Harold, born Feb. 10, 1910, a student at Junior High School; Mildred, born Jan. 6, 1912, a student at Concord School, Corry; Melvin, born Feb. 23, 1914; and Harmon, born Jan. 16, 1918.

Mr. McElroy is a member of the Corry Country Club and belongs to the Elks lodge and Kiwanis Club. He is known as a man of enterprise and ability, and is esteemed as a progressive business man.

Albert E. Nash, a veteran of the World War, is a reliable and substantial young business man of Erie, where he is proprietor of the Erie Book store. He is a native of England, born at Bristol, March 7, 1891, and the son of Thomas and Edith (Collins) Nash.

Thomas Nash, who now lives retired in England, was a railroader during his active career and was employed as a freight agent. He and his wife are the parents of the following children: Harold, Rose, Jessie, Robert and Arthur, all of whom live in England; and Albert E., the subject of this sketch.

Albert E. Nash grew to manhood in England and was educated in the schools there. At the age of 19 years he came to this country and lived in Schenectady, N. Y., where he entered the employ of the General Electric Company. In October, 1921, he resigned his position with this company as electrical engineer and purchased the Harris Book Store in Erie, which is now known as the Erie Book Store. Mr. Nash carries a complete line of books, magazines, and greeting cards, and also has a large circulating library. The shop is located at 17 East 8th Street.

On Aug. 27, 1913, Mr. Nash was united in marriage with Miss Olive Ellis, of Kent, England, born Dec. 31, 1888, and the daughter of James and Harriet (Dence) Ellis, natives of England. Mr. Ellis died at Marden, England, and his wife died in Schenectady, N. Y.

During the World War Mr. Nash volunteered for service and was in France with Evacuation Hospital No. 6. He was personally cited for meritorious service by General Pershing, after having taken part in the following engagements: Aisne Marne offensive; Aisne Marne defensive; Saint Mihiel; Meuse Argonne; Chateau Thierry.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash are active members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Lawrence Park, Erie, both being Sunday school teachers. He is affiliated with the Masonic lodge, Knights of Pythias, Elks lodge, and American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Martin C. Cornell, attorney, is a well known citizen of Erie and a member of a pioneer family of Erie County. He was born at Edinboro, Pa., April 7, 1887, and is the son of George Harper and Carrie A. (Beam) Cornell.

George Harper Cornell was born in Washington Township, Erie County, March 23, 1860, and his wife was born Feb. 9, 1860. He died in October, 1914, and his widow resides at Edinboro. Mr. Cornell established a tailoring business at Edinboro many years ago, which he conducted until the time of his appointment as justice of the peace, which office he held for four consecutive terms. He was also interested in the real estate business. Mr. and Mrs. Cornell had two sons: Martin C., the subject of this sketch; and Don H., born Jan. 27, 1893, a contractor, lives at Edinboro.

After receiving his early education in the public schools of Edinboro, Martin C. Cornell was graduated from Edinboro State Normal School in 1905. He then entered the law department of Georgetown University,

Washington, D. C., where he received his degree in 1911. He then came to Erie and entered the law firm of Brooks & English, with whom he remained for five years. In 1916 he established his own offices in the Palace Hardware Building. In 1925 he located his office at 16 East 8th Street. Mr. Cornell was admitted to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia in 1911 and the following year was admitted to the Bar of Erie County. In 1917 he was admitted to the Supreme, Federal and Superior Courts. Mr. Cornell served as assistant city solicitor of Erie for six years and in 1920 was appointed city solicitor for a four-year term.

On Feb. 26, 1910, Mr. Cornell was united in marriage with Miss Laura C. Nicholson, of West Mill Creek Township, Erie County, born July 26, 1884, and the daughter of Henry Clay and Catherine (Stein) Nicholson, natives of Pennsylvania and both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cornell had a daughter, Betty Cornell, born Aug. 6, 1911, who died Aug. 7, 1911.

Politically, Mr. Cornell is a Democrat. He was county chairman of the Democratic party for two terms and was secretary for six terms. In 1920 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at San Francisco from the 25th Congressional District of Erie and Crawford counties. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and his wife holds membership in the Episcopal Church. He is identified with the Elks lodge and was a delegate to the Elks National Convention held at Atlantic City in 1918. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity, the Eagles lodge, the Erie Maennerchor, and the Erie Yacht Club. Mr. Cornell is an able man in his profession, a citizen of progressive ideals, and a man highly esteemed in Erie County.

G. Clyde Bennett is well and favorably known in Erie, where he is connected with the Perry Specialty Company. He is a native of Union City, Pa., born Sept. 23, 1884, and the son of George F. and Lillian E. (Reynolds) Bennett.

George F. Bennett was a native of Union City, Pa., as was also his wife. Mr. Bennett served throughout the Civil War in Company K, 83rd Reg. Pa. Vol. Infantry. He is deceased and she lives in Erie with her son, G. Clyde. They also had a daughter, Elta, who married W. B. Emmerson, and they live at Union City.

G. Clyde Bennett grew up at Union City and after his graduation from the public schools he entered the Ackerman Business College there,

from which he was graduated in 1900. He was then employed as a stenographer for two years with the American Sterilizer Company of Erie and the following 12 years was bookkeeper for the United States Horse Shoe Company. He was later a salesman for the A. & A. Motor Company for six years and in 1923 established the Perry Specialty Company in partnership with Miss Florence Dawley and P. E. Yokes They are dealers in products manufactured by the Miller Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, including automobile accessories and rubber goods.

In 1907 Mr. Bennett was married to Miss Edith Wheeler of Erie, and the daughter of Lemuel and Anna Wheeler. They have two daughters: Lillian A., born March 31, 1908, a student at Academy High School; and Geraldine May, born Feb. 4, 1913, a student at Lincoln School.

Mr. Bennett and his famil yare members of the Presbyterian Church and he belongs to the Elks and Moose lodges.

Otto J. Schweinhardt is an enterprising merchant of Erie, engaged in the hardware business at 1806 Parade Street. He was born in Erie, June 9, 1892, and is a son of John and Dora (Harding) Schweinhardt.

John Schweinhardt, who now lives retired at 2312 Holland Street, was an early settler of Erie, having come here from Germany. He was successfully engaged in the dairy business until the time of his retirement in 1912. His wife died in 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Schweinhardt were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Bertha Gauley, lives in Erie; Clara, the widow of C. J. Kissell, lives with her father; Mrs. Ida Baerle, lives in Erie where her husband is engaged in the real estate business; and Otto J., the subject of this sketch.

Otto J. Schweinhardt attended Garfield School in Erie and Davis Business College. When a young man he was employed by his father in the dairy business and later, became connected with the Wayne Brewing Company. On Dec. 10, 1914, Mr. Schweinhardt entered the employ of the Anchor Line, Pennsylvania Railway Company in Erie as a messenger and later became cashier and accountant. He resigned from that position June 1, 1924 and purchased the hardware business formerly conducted by his brother-in-law, C. J. Kissel, who died April, 1924. He carries a complete line of hardware, builders supplies, and paints, and has a well established business.

On May 6, 1918, Mr. Schweinhardt was united in marriage with Miss Margaret E. Baird, of Renovo, Pa., the daughter of Herbert L. and Mar-

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garet Baird, residents of Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Schweinhardt one daughter has been born, Jean Baird, born Dec. 10, 1920.

Mr. Schweinhardt and his family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Porter K. Riblet, retired, is among the highly esteemed and representative citizens of Erie, where he has spent practically his entire life. He was born in this city, Feb. 26, 1858, and is the son of John E. and Eliza Jane (Collins) Riblet.

John E. Riblet was born March 20, 1815, and died June 5, 1880. He was a merchant during his life and also engaged in the contracting business in Erie. His wife was born Dec. 20, 1824, and is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Riblet, who were married in 1846, have five children, as follows: Annetta M., born Feb. 11, 1848, married Aug. 6, 1878, to John P. O'Flaherty, an attorney, and she died Feb. 20, 1917; John E., born Feb. 2, 1850, married March 18, 1873, to Elsina Gates, deceased, and he lives at Harbor Creek, Pa.; Charles F., born May 28, 1852, married Emma Riblet, and he died at Albany, N. Y., Sept. 16, 1895; O. S., born April 15, 1855, a retired contractor, lives at 516 Walnut Street, Erie; and Porter K., the subject of this sketch.

Porter K. Riblet attended the public schools of Erie and also took a business course. He then studied law in the office of Judge Gunnison and Henry Riblet. Later, Mr. Riblet was employed as a machinist by the Otsego Fork Mills at Girard, Pa., for three years, and on July 7, 1888, he was appointed a letter carrier in the city of Erie, in which capacity he served for 35 years continuously. He is now retired and lives at 438 East 7th Street.

On May 4, 1881, Mr. Riblet was married to Miss Hattie M. Collins, o Girard, Pa., born March 15, 1864, and the daughter of James and Amanda (Terry) Collins of Erie. Mr. Collins was born in 1830 and died Jan. 22, 1897. His wife was born July 25, 1830, and died Aug. 20, 1915. They had three children: Frank A., married Elida Carroll, both deceased; Clara A., married Charles Drury, and they live at Girard, Pa.; and Hattie M. Riblet. To Porter K. and Hattie M. (Collins) Riblet were born six children, as follows: Lillian Ruth, born Dec. 12, 1884, married Harry Miller, and they live at 1109 East 5th Street, Erie; John C., born April 20, 1888, married on Jan. 23, 1913, to Marie Round, and he is superintendent of the Erie Reservoir; Adella A., born Aug. 7, 1893, married

Earl S. Wagner, merchant, lives at 752 East 6th Street, Erie; Dorothy J., born July 28, 1890, a graduate of Central High School, Erie, lives at home; Gertrude E., born Jan. 8, 1897, married A. J. Horak, lives at 500 East 9th Street, Erie; and Hattie M., born June 20, 1883, died June 12, 1891.

Politically, Mr. Riblet is a Republican. He is identified with the Letter Carriers' Mutual Benefit Association, of which he served as secretary for one year. In 1876 he enlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guard and served for five years as a member of Company G. 16th Regiment. He is a member of the Methodist Church and is widely known in Erie.

A. Grant Walker, who is well known among the younger attorneys of Erie, is a member of a pioneer family of Erie County. He was born in Harbor Creek Township, Sept. 18, 1890, and is a son of William Grant and Hattie Elizabeth (Hyke) Walker.

William G. Walker is a member of an old and substantial Eastern family. Well authenticated records trace the family to the great great grandfather, Timothy Walker, who was born at Hebron, Mass., in 1720, and died in Penfield, N. Y., in 1808. This is the location of the old homestead and the resting place of many members of the family, the Walker cemetery being an historic landmark of the region. Justice Walker, who married Nancy Miller, was of the next generation, being born in 1763 and dying in 1831. The grandfather of William G., Samuel Walker, was born in 1796 and married Sarah Case. Their son, Chauncey Case, was a native of Washington County, N. Y., who was born Sept. 16, 1842, and died in March, 1889. With his widowed mother he came to Erie County, where he spent his long and honorable life as a farmer. The elder Mr. Walker was a Republican and a Methodist. He married Elizabeth Wheelock, who was born Sept. 4, 1828, and died Feb. 28, 1904, the daughter of Jesse Wheelock, who was long a justice of the peace in his old home neighborhood of Cambridge Springs, Pa. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey C. Walker were: May L., the wife of F. J. Walker, a manufacturer of Erie; Homer O., living on the old Harbor Creek homestead in Erie County; S. J., a farmer, lives at Afton, Iowa; and William G., father of the subject of this sketch.

William G. Walker was born in Harbor Creek, Erie County, July 1, 1869, receiving his early education at that place and later attending Erie

Academy. Although reared on a farm he evinced an inclination for business in his boyhood and has followed mercantile lines since he left school. He first resided at San Francisco, Calif., but at the death of his parents, a year after going to that place, he took his share of the family estate which he traded for property in Erie, with the result that he has since been identified with the advancement of the county all along the line. In 1897 he purchased the W. I. Potter's leading general store at West Springfield.

In November, 1919, Mr. Walker was elected County Commissioner of Erie County, and took office Jan. 1, 1920, serving a term of four years. He then returned to Conneaut, Ohio, where he is now engaged in the real estate and building business. He was appointed postmaster of West Springfield in 1901, which office he held until 1919. Mr. Walker has been a life long Republican and is a member of the Methodist Church, the Masonic lodge, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In September, 1889, Mr. Walker was married to Miss Hattie Elizabeth Hyke, of Erie County, born in October, 1869, and a daughter of Charles C. and Harriet Jane Hyke. They have two children: A. Grant, the subject of this sketch; and Dorothy Vernon, born July 24, 1906, a student at Villa Marie, Erie.

A. Grant Walker received his education in the public schools and after his graduation from high school in 1910 entered the law school of the University of Michigan from which he received his degree in 1914. In that year he was admitted to the Erie County bar and the following year to the Federal, Superior and Supreme Courts. Since he began the practice of his profession he has been associated with the firm of Gunnison, Fish, Gifford & Chapin, leading attorneys of this city. Their offices are in the Masonic Temple building.

On June 20, 1914, Mr. Walker was united in marriage with Miss Florence Amy, a native of Greenville, Pa., born Feb. 29, 1889, and a daughter of Charles E. and Lillian (Bernard) Amy, natives of Greenville, Pa. He was born Sept. 9, 1863, and died Oct. 16, 1918. For many years he was proprietor of the Greenville Stone Company. His wife resides in Greenville. They had six children: Helen Amy, born May 15, 1887, married Carl Soult, Greenville, Pa.; Mrs. Walker; Hettie, born Sept. 2, 1890, married Roy Beever, a civil engineer with the Bessemer Railroad, lives at Greenville, Pa.; Ruth, born April 2, 1892, married Frank Riggleman, New Castle, Pa.; Richard, born Nov. 2, 1893, purchasing agent for the Perry

Iron Works, Erie; and Dowd, born May 19, 1906, resides with his mother. To Mr. and Mrs. A. Grant Walker one son has been born, William Grant, born Sept. 10, 1916.

Mr. Walker is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of West Springfield and his wife holds membership in the Lutheran Memorial Church, Erie, in which she is an active member. She is past president of the Sunday school class. She is identified with the Erie Women's Club, and is president of the Parent-Teachers Association of Ferncliff. Mr. Walker belongs to University Club, Erie Yacht Club, and the Elks lodge. He is also a 32nd degree Mason.

Norton J. Herrick is among the highly esteemed and widely known citizens of Erie, where he has lived for more than 30 years. He was born in Cambridge Township, Crawford County, Pa., May 25, 1851, and is the son of Alonzo and Eliza Ann (Nichols) Herrick.

Alonzo Herrick was born in Vermont in 1818 and his wife was a native of New York. He engaged in general farming during his entire life and died in Crawford County, Pa. There were eight children in the Herrick family, as follows: Nancy, born in 1846, lives at the Lutheran Home for Ladies, Erie; Sarah, born in 1848, married John Anderson, deceased, and she lives at Topeka, Kan.; G. C., born in 1850, married Lizzie Culbertson, and they live at 1018 French Street, Erie; N. J., the subject of this sketch; Alcy, born in 1853, married M. Gard, deceased, and she lives at Topeka, Kan.; Joseph M., born in 1855, married Blanche Birchfield, lives at Sedalia, Mo.; Myra, born in 1857, married A. S. Faber, lives at Cambridge Springs, Pa.; and Will, born in 1859, married Miss Bernson, and they live in Chicago, Ill.

Norton J. Herrick attended the district schools of Cambridge Township, Crawford County, and in early life engaged in farming. He then learned the barber trade, and followed that at Cambridge Springs for ten years. In 1893 he removed to Erie, and conducted a barber shop in this city until 1922, when he was appointed court officer of the Erie County Court House.

In 1873 Mr. Herrick was married to Miss Flora M. Culbertson, of Edinboro, Pa., and they have a son, Ralph B. Herrick, who was born at Edinboro, Pa., Feb. 26, 1887.

Ralph B. Herrick received his education in the public schools of Erie and after the completion of his high school course he became a poster

artist. Later, he studied civil engineering and in October, 1922, associated himself with Mr. O. F. Whipple, organizing the Herrick-Whipple Construction Company of Erie. They are general contractors and are well known in this section. Mr. Herrick is a member of the Elks No. 67, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 188. He was married to Miss Mildred Amidon of Edinboro, Pa., and they have two sons: Ralph B., Jr., born May 9, 1913, a student at Central High School; and Clair Douglas, born Nov. 14, 1923.

N. J. Herrick has been a life long Republican. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was a delegate to the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia in 1906. He is favorably known in Erie and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Harry O. Geren is well and favorably known in Erie, where he is in charge of the United States Weather Bureau. He is a native of Columbus, Ohio, born Dec. 2, 1877, and the son of Dudley D. and Adenia (Wilson) Geren.

Dudley D. Geren, retired, is a Civil War veteran. He was born at Marietta, Ohio, Oct. 22, 1846, and at the age of 15 years enlisted in Battery H, 1st Ohio Light Artillery, and served throughout the Civil War. His brother, Ireneus A., who was 17 years old, also served in the war. Mr. Geren was a brick contractor during his active career and now lives retired. His wife, also a native of Marietta, Ohio, was born Oct. 26, 1854. They had six children: Arthur G., born at Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1880, a merchant at Columbus, Ohio; James R., assistant postmaster at Columbus, Ohio; Myles W., engaged in the florist business, Columbus, Ohio; Francis G., lives at Columbus; Helen O., born in July, 1875, died in 1900, and is buried in Columbus; and Harry O., the subject of this sketch.

Harry O. Geren was educated in the public schools of Columbus and after his graduation from high school in 1894, he entered Ohio State University, where he received his degree in 1899. In 1898 he was appointed major of the cadet battalion of Ohio State University, which is the highest rank held in the university. After leaving college he was appointed by the United States Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson, as observor at the U. S. Weather Bureau at Boston, Mass. He has served since at the following stations: Assistant at Columbus, Ohio; Assistant at Havana, Cuba; official in charge of Cienfuegos, Cuba; Assistant at Phoenix, Ariz.; official in charge at Valentine, Neb.; Assistant at Chicago,

Ill.; Assistant at Columbus, Ohio; official in charge at Reno, Nev.; official in charge at Rapid City, S. D.; and official in charge at Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. Geren has been located at Erie since 1913 and has proven most efficient and capable.

On June 11, 1901, Mr. Geren was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Miller, a native of Columbus, Ohio, born Jan. 29, 1880, and the daughter of John C. and Mary (Mitchell) Miller. Mr. Miller, a Civil War veteran, was born in October, 1837, and is now retired. His wife died in 1919 and is buried in the Greenlawn cemetery, Columbus. Mrs. Geren is a grand niece of Horace Greeley, American journalist.

Mr. and Mrs. Geren have a daughter, Jeanette Geren, born June 6, 1906. She is a student at Ohio State University.

B. Courtney McLean, well known veterinary surgeon of Erie and proprietor of a veterinary hospital at 353 East 18th Street, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Meadville, Jan. 10, 1894, and is the son of Dr. C. Courtney and Sarah (Dougherty) McLean.

Dr. C. Courtney McLean was born at Meadville, Pa., Feb. 2, 1859, and is a well known resident of Crawford County, where he has spent his entire life. His wife was born at Patterson, N. J., Jan. 28, 1869. They are the parents of three children: Margaret, born July 13, 1892, a graduate of Allegheny College, lives at home; B. Courtney, the subject of this sketch; and Leone, born April 27, 1890, a graduate of Allegheny College, lives in New York city.

B. Courtney McLean spent his boyhood at Meadville and attended the public schools there. He then entered Allegheny College, from which he was graduated in 1916. In 1920 he received his degree from the veterinary department of the University of Pennsylvania, and he has since engaged in business in Erie. Doctor McLean has facilities for treating all kinds of domestic animals and his hospital is among the finest of its kind in the state. He also carries on a general practice besides his hospital work.

On Sept. 1, 1920, Dr. McLean was united in marriage with Miss Maidelle Boatwright, who was born at Ridge Spring, S. C., Sept. 19, 1891, and the daughter of Ida and Benjamin Boatwright, of Ridge Spring.

In 1917 Doctor McLean enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps and the following year attended the Students Army Training Corps. He was discharged in December, 1918. He is a member of the University Club,

the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the Alpha Psi fraternity, the Elks No. 67, Rotary Club, and the Chamber of Commerce. Doctor McLean is an able man in his profession and a substantial citizen of Erie County.

C. J. Minnig, a successful real estate operator and broker of Erie, is a member of a family that has long been identified with Erie County. He was born in this city, Dec. 21, 1867, and is the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Sehlabach) Minnig.

Jacob Minnig was a native of West Mill Creek, Pa., born in 1835, and his wife was born at Kearsage, Pa., born in 1845. They are both deceased and buried in Erie cemetery. Mr. Minnig was successfully engaged in the grocery and flour business here for many years and was among the first business men of the old Erie Canal. Mr. and Mrs. Minnig had the following children: Louis J., a foreman with the Griswold Manufacturing Company, Erie; William P., a farmer; Harrison, Eddie, Ada, all deceased; Alice, married Martin Fletcher, lives at Seattle, Wash.; Etta, a teacher, lives in Seattle, Wash.; and C. J., the subject of this sketch.

C. J. Minnig spent his boyhood in Erie and after completing his schooling he entered his father's business. Later, he learned the boilermaker's trade at the Nagel Boiler Works, where he remained for six years. In 1896 he entered the Tribune Bicycle Company of Erie as manager and was afterward manager of the General Insurance Company of Philadelphia. He was also general manager of the Dispatch-Herald for several years and in 1910 he established the C. J. Minnig Real Estate Company. It is located at 132 West 18th Street.

In 1886 Mr. Minnig was married to Miss Anna Firman, of Erie, who died in 1893, leaving a son, Carl J., born Sept. 22, 1890. He is connected with the Phillips Petroleum Company at Bartlesville, Okla. He was married to Miss Marcella Krug of Erie and they have three children: Charles M., Donald I., and Max A. Minnig.

On Sept. 1, 1898, Mr. Minnig was married the second time to Miss Kathryn Murphy, of Lockport, N. Y., born Sept. 5, 1880, and the daughter of John and Catherine (Markley) Murphy. Mrs. Murphy died March 1, 1921, and her husband died Feb. 12, 1925, at Sharon, Pa. Mrs. Minnig has two brothers: Edward J. Murphy, lives at Jersey City, N. J.; and George W. Murphy, lives at Wesleyville, Pa.

Mr. Minnig is a member of the Elks lodge and belongs to the Erie Maennerchor. He is a progressive man and is held in high esteem throughout the county.

Carl M. Reed, a representative citizen of Erie County, was born in this city, Nov. 17, 1876, and is the son of Charles M. and Ella M. (Morrison) Reed.

The Reed family is closely and intimately associated with the history of Erie County from the very beginning, and may be said to have been the pioneers in its development. Colonel Seth Reed, the founder of the family fortune, was a physician at Uxbridge, Mass. When the Revolution began he was given command of a regiment and fought at Bunker Hill. After the close of the war he located in Ontario County, New York, where he became possessed of a tract of land 18 miles in extent by a trade with the Indians. Impressed with the favorable location of the then new town of Erie and believing that it was destined to become an important commercial center, he sold his Ontario estate and with his wife and sons, Charles, John and Manning, started for the frontier. They reached the harbor of Erie on July 1, 1795. Two other sons, Rufus S. and George, later came by way of Pittsburgh. He died March 19, 1797, at the age of 53 years. Rufus S. Reed, the most prosperous and best known of the sons of Colonel Reed, always remained in Erie. He was born at Uxbridge, Mass., Oct. 11, 1775. While the rest of the family took to farming, his taste was altogether for business, in which he had extraordinary success. He started a store in 1796, which did a large trade with the Indians, the soldiers and the settlers. In 1797 he began an extensive fur trade with the Indians which was very profitable. His boats ran constantly on the lake, loaded with shore goods one way, and furs the other. He secured a large government contract for supplying the western posts with beef, pork, flour and whiskey. He became an extensive owner of lake vessels and was the foremost man in enterprise in the whole lake country. Rufus Reed was married twice, his first wife being Dolly Oaks of Palmyra, N. Y. In 1801 he married Agnes, daughter of Gen. William Irvine, who bore him one son, the well known Gen. Charles M. Reed. Rufus Reed died at the age of 70 on June 1, 1846, leaving the largest fortune that had been accumulated up to that time in the lake shore region.

Gen. Charles M. Reed, the only child of Rufus S. Reed, inherited his father's great business ability. He was born in Erie in 1803 and after receiving the best education the schools of the time afforded, he was sent to college at Washington, Pa., and from there went to Philadelphia, where he read law and was admitted to the bar in 1821. Returning to Erie he almost immediately engaged in business with his father, and developed

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such aptitude for money making that it was a question which was the more skillful of the two. He early foresaw the advantages of steam navigation and became the largest owner of steamboats on the lakes. When the time came for building railroads he quickly grasped their importance. In his early years he was fond of military display and became a brigadier general of militia. He served a year in the State Legislature and a term in Congress. In politics he was first a Whig and then a Republican. He died at the age of 69 years, Dec. 18, 1871. His fortune at the time of his death is variously estimated at five to fifteen millions. General Reed was married in September, 1838, to Miss Harriet Gilson of Watertown, N. Y. Among their children was Charles M., father of the subject of this sketch.

Charles M. Reed was born in Erie in 1844 and died in 1917. He and his brother, Lloyd G., were sole heirs to the Reed estate. He served as mayor of Erie for two terms and was one of the city's most prominent financiers. He married Ella M. Morrison, daughter of R. S. Morrison, who came to Erie in 1860. To them were born four children: Charles and Helen, deceased; Harrison, lives in Erie; and Carl M., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Reed lives in the old family home on West Sixth Street.

Carl M. Reed has always lived in Erie. He organized the Reed Manufacturing Company in which he was actively interested for a number of years. He has since devoted his entire time to real estate activities and has offices in the Penn Building.

On April 30, 1910, Mr. Reed was married to Miss Lena Wells, the daughter of W. B. and Lyda Wells. They have two children: Charles M., a student at Gridley High School; and Virginia Hardwick, a student at Miss Bennett's School, New York.

Mr. Reed is a Republican, a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Kahkwa and Erie Clubs.

Henry R. Jeffs is among the prominent and influential citizens of Erie, where he is engaged in the practice of law. He was born in this city, April 14, 1884, and is the son of Samuel and Blanche A. (Sherwood) Jeffs.

Samuel Jeffs was born in Hertfordshire, England, May 12, 1861, and his wife is a native of Erie, born March 30, 1863, and the daughter of Charles M. and Mary Ann (Warren) Sherwood. Mrs. Jeffs is a direct descendant of General Warren of Revolutionary War fame. To Mr. and

Mrs. Jeffs, who reside in Erie, the following children were born: Vera N., married Dr. Carl T. Nick, lives in Erie; Marjorie A., lives in Erie; Marie, married William Bannister, a chemist, lives at Terre Haute, Ind.; Harold Warren, lives in Erie; and Henry R., the subject of this sketch.

Henry R. Jeffs received his education in the public schools and was graduated from Erie High School in 1901. In 1903 he became agent for the C. M. Reed estate and continued in that capacity until 1908, when he began the study of law in the offices of T. A. Lamb, now deceased. He was admitted to the bar of Erie County April 1, 1912, and is a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. His offices are in the Penn Building.

On April 20, 1907, Mr. Jeffs was united in marriage with Miss Eleanor E. Schopp, a native of Buffalo, N. Y., born Feb. 24, 1886, and the daughter of Charles F. and Susan M. (Seaver) Schopp. Mrs. Schopp is deceased and her husband lives in Buffalo, N. Y. They had four children: Robert E., lives in Buffalo, N. Y.; Betty M., married Samuel Gintz, lives in Erie; Dorothy, married William Shamp, lives in Buffalo, N. Y.; and Mrs. Jeffs. To Mr. and Mrs. Jeffs a daughter has been born, Geraldine E., born April 9, 1908, now a student at Central High School.

Mr. Jeffs is a member of the Erie County Bar Association, of which he served as treasurer for three years, and he is identified with the Kahkwa Club and the Elks lodge. He is a reliable and highly esteemed member of the community.

Andrew A. Wagner, county tax collector, is a dependable citizen of Erie and is well known. He was born in this city, Dec. 26, 1864, and is the son of August and Catherine (Mayer) Wagner.

August Wagner, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, and his wife was also a native of that country. She came to this country when she was 11 years old, making the trip in a sailing vessel, which required 78 days. Mr. Wagner's mother lived to be 101 years of age and is buried in South Erie cemetery.

Andrew A. Wagner has always lived in Erie. He attended the public schools and when a young man engaged in the contracting and excavating business. He was second ward foreman of streets for three years during Mayor Saltsman's administration, and also served as a member of the police force for six years. In 1911 Mr. Wagner was appointed tax collector from the Second Ward and has since served in that capacity. He lives at 222 East 13th Street.

In 1886 Mr. Wagner was married to Miss Anna E. Stabelein, of Erie, born Dec. 24, 1865, and the daughter of John and Leagardia (Hepplie) Stabelein, natives of Germany and both now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Wagner have been born two children: Eleanor, born March 22, 1888, at home; and Elmer F., born in November, 1889, lives in New Rochelle, N. Y.

In politics Mr. Wagner is identified with the Democratic party. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and belongs to the Elk and Moose lodges.

B. G. Neyland, proprietor of the Neyland Wall Paper & Paint Company, is among Erie's progressive business men. He was born at McKean, Pa., Aug. 24, 1885, and is the son of George W. and Alleta F. (Wood) Neyland.

George W. Neyland was a native of New York, born April 24, 1850, and his wife was born in Illinois. He was a building contractor at McKean, Pa., for many years, where his family resided. Mr. and Mrs. Neyland, now deceased, had two sons: Harry A., born Aug. 9, 1875, principal of the Swain School of Designing, New Bedford, Mass.; and B. G., the subject of this sketch.

B. G. Neyland spent his boyhood at McKean and received his early education in the public schools there. He is a graduate of Edinboro State Normal School, and the Pratt Institute of New York city, where he studied applied electricity. In 1920 Mr. Neyland organized the Neyland Wall Paper & Paint Company in Erie, which has developed into a successful enterprise. He also owns and conducts the Folly Theater, at 654 West 26th Street, which was established by him in 1915.

On June 2, 1915, Mr. Neyland married Miss Isabella E. Young, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada, who was born Jan. 31, 1883, and the daughter of James and Sarah Ann (Mellon) Young, natives of London, England, and Ontario, Canada, respectively. Mr. Young was born Nov. 12, 1840, and his wife was born May 9, 1842. To Mr. and Mrs. Neyland a daughter has been born, Sarah Georgette, born Oct. 19, 1918. She is a student at the Sacred Heart School, Erie.

Mr. Neyland is a member of the Unitarian Church and his wife is a member of the Catholic Church. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Woodmen of the World and the Moose lodge. He is widely known in Erie County and has well earned the respect and esteem of his many friends.

Carlton M. Randall, attorney of Erie, is well known throughout the community as a successful young man in his profession. He was born in this city, Oct. 19, 1895, and is the son of M. M. and Mary (Bowes) Randall.

M. M. Randall was born in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., and his wife is a native of Ireland. They now live retired in Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Randall have two sons: Carlton M., the subject of this sketch; and Chester I., born Dec. 25, 1901, lives in Erie, where he is connected with the Bell Telephone Company.

Carlton M. Randall was educated in the public schools of Erie and in 1913 was graduated from Central High School. He then entered the law school of George Washington University, Washington, D. C., where he received his degree in 1918. After leaving college he spent the following year in the Supreme Court Library at Washington, D. C. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia on Oct. 7, 1919, and the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia on Oct. 8, 1919. In December, 1920, he was admitted to the bar of Erie County and on Dec. 9, 1920, to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Mr. Randall was admitted to the Federal Court on March 27, 1922. After a year in the office of the law firm of Marsh, Eaton & Bauer, he formed a partnership with Harold F. Mook, under the firm name of Mook & Randall and established offices in the Marine Building in November, 1921, where he is now located.

On June 2, 1923, Mr. Randall was united in marriage with Miss Hazel E. Mack, a native of Crawford County, Pa., born Dec. 12, 1893, and the daughter of William S. and Ida E. (Fry) Mack, natives of Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is affiliated with the Delta Sigma Rho fraternity, the Elks lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Irwin Lodge No. 1100, Lake Erie Encampment No. 73, and Abraham Lincoln Commandery No. 601.

Harold F. Mook is a veteran of the World War and a prominent young attorney of Erie, where he is a member of the firm of Mook & Randall. He was born at Saegertown, Pa., June 26, 1894, and is the son of Wallace and Julia A. (Floyd) Mook.

Wallace Mook is a native of Saegertown, Pa., born there in 1859, and his wife was born at Blooming Valley, Pa., in 1872. He has been a successful merchant at Saegertown for 40 years and is widely known. Mr. and Mrs. Mook have three sons: Harold F., the subject of this sketch;

Paul V., born in 1900, a biologist at the University of Maryland; and Andrew W., born in 1904, a student at the University of Pittsburgh.

Harold F. Mook received his education in the public schools of Saegertown and was graduated from Allegheny College in 1915, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1921, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and immediately established his practice in Erie. He was admitted to the bar of Erie County in 1921 and to the Federal, Supreme and Superior Courts during the same year. The offices of this law firm are located in the Marine Bank Building.

On April 14, 1917, Mr. Mook enlisted for service during the World War at Philadelphia, entered the First Officers Training School, and was later transferred to the Air Service for ground school training at Princeton University. In January, 1918, he was sent to Park Field, Memphis, Tenn. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the aviation section of the signal corps as a reserve military aviator, and served as an instructor in various fields throughout the United States. He was discharged at Rockwell Field, San Diego, Cal., Feb. 5, 1919. Mr. Mook now holds a commission of first lieutenant with rating of junior airplane pilot in the Air Service of the U. S. Army Officers Reserve Corps.

Mr. Mook is identified with the Erie County Historical Society and belongs to the American Legion, being a Past Commander of Rogers Israel Post No. 11, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Y. M. C. A., and Elks lodge. He has an extensive acquaintance in Erie and is held in the highest esteem.

Wilbur R. Seabrook ranks among the prominent young professional men of Erie, where he is engaged in the practice of law. He is a native of this city, born Dec. 14, 1895, and the son of William G. and Helen I. (Reed) Seabrook.

William G. Seabrook was born in Westfield, N. Y., and his wife is a native of Harvard, Ill. They settled in Erie in 1878, where Mr. Seabrook is connected with the New York Central Railroad in the offices.

After the completion of his high school course in Erie in 1915, Wilbur R. Seabrook entered the law offices of Marsh & Eaton, where he remained until April, 1916. He then was connected with the office of Lytle F. Perry, but in 1917 returned to his former position, where he remained until January, 1920. Mr. Seabrook was admitted to the bar on March 10, 1919,

and on April 14, 1919, to the Superior Court. On Sept. 29, 1919, he was admitted to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and the District Court of the United States of the Western District. On April 17, 1924, he was admitted to the United States Supreme Court and on Aug. 27, 1924, to the Circuit Court of Appeals of the Third Circuit, and subsequently to the courts of Crawford and Warren counties. Mr. Seabrook has offices in the Commerce Building and has an extensive practice.

Mr. Seabrook is identified with the Erie County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He belongs to the Commercial Law League of America, the Erie County Historical Society, the National Rifle Association of America and the Lawrence Park Rifle Club. He is also a member of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church, a 32nd degree Mason, Shriner, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Elks.

Edward F. Hall, who was a member of the firm of Hall's Cigar Store, is one of the well known and successful young business men of Erie. He was born in Erie, June 18, 1892, and is the son of William B. and Alice (Fielder) Hall.

William B. Hall was born at Ithaca, N. Y. He was a noted musician, having studied in Paris, and he was a member of various well known bands throughout the country. He established Hall's Cigar Store in 1898 and continued as proprietor until 1915, at which time his sons, Edward F. and Harold G., became owners. He died Aug. 20, 1918, and is buried in Lakeside cemetery, Erie. His wife, who was born at Dansville, N. Y., now resides on the West Lake Road, Erie. Mr. Hall was a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

Edward F. Hall was reared and educated in Boston, Mass., and attended the public schools in this city after his family settled here. He was graduated from Erie High School in 1911 and immediately engaged in business with his father. Hall's Cigar Store which was located at 706 State Street, and is now located at 10 West 7th Street, is one of the popular shops of the city.

On Sept. 28, 1914, Mr. Hall was united in marriage with Miss Leona Schlaudecker, who was born in this city, Feb. 8, 1896, and the daughter of Emil P. and Mayme (Reiser) Schlaudecker. Mr. Schlaudecker lives in Erie and is a musician at the Perry Theater. Formerly he was interested in the hotel business at Harbor Creek and Mill Village, Pa. To Mr. and

Mrs. Hall have been born two children: William B., born April 27, 1917; and Dorothy Fielder, born Jan. 21, 1922.

Mr. Hall is affiliated with the Masonic lodge, Perry Lodge No. 392, Shrine, Consistory, and is a 32nd degree Mason. He also belongs to the Elks lodge No. 67. He is a Republican.

Harold G. Hall was born in Erie, May 16, 1894, and has spent his entire life in Erie, where he is now engaged in the cigar business, being the Hall Stand now located 10 West 7th Street. He was married to Miss Gladys Bacher, of Erie, and they have four children: Alice, Jean, Gladys and Frederick.

The Halls are highly esteemed in the community and are reliable and substantial citizens of Erie.

P. E. Yokes is among the prominent and successful business men of Erie, where he is manager of the Miller Rubber Company. He is a native of Jamestown, Pa., born Feb. 18, 1884, and the son of Eli S. and Abagail (Floch) Yokes.

Eli S. Yokes was born in Crawford County, Pa., in 1832, and his wife, a native of the same county, was born in 1860. He was a farmer in early life and later engaged in the produce business. He died in 1888 and his wife died in 1913. They had two children: P. E., the subject of this sketch; and Grace, married Lynn L. Brown, and they live retired at Highlands, Cal.

P. E. Yokes received his education in the public and high schools of Jamestown, Pa., and when a young man entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as a ticket agent. Five years later he became a salesman for the W. C. DeForrest Automobile & Piano Company of Sharon, Pa. In 1912 Mr. Yokes removed to Erie and became a member of the firm of Hilliard & Yokes, dealers in automobile accessories. Since 1919 he has served as manager of the Erie branch of the Miller Rubber Company, which is located at 201 West 18th Street.

In 1907 Mr. Yokes was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Steines of Sharon, Pa., born Feb. 4, 1884, and the daughter of Gerhard and Mary (Filer) Steines, natives of Germany, both of whom are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Yokes have been born three daughters: Madeline, born April 14, 1915; Dorothy, born Dec. 31, 1917; and Elizabeth, born Jan. 18, 1919.

Mr. Yokes is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and belongs to the Elks lodge and the Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. G. William Schlindwein, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, with offices at 138 West Ninth Street, is among Erie's successful physicians and surgeons. He was born in Erie, Sept. 8, 1872, and is the son of George and Louise (Meyer) Schlindwein.

George Schlindwein was born in Erie, Aug. 28, 1842, and was a prominent merchant of this section for more than 50 years. He is now retired. His wife, who was born in Philadelphia, in 1842, died Dec. 20, 1917. They had five children, as follows: Dr. G. William, the subject of this sketch; Joseph B., lives in Syracuse, N. Y.; Mary L., died at the age of 18 years; Josephine Weinheimer, lives in Syracuse, N. Y.; and Rev. A. Leo, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Cleveland.

Dr. G. William Schlindwein attended the parochial schools of Erie and also took a business course, and then was employed in the coal office of R. W. Russell and later by the Jacob Weschler Company. He was graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, leading the class of 1904 with high honors, and served one year as interne in St. Joseph's Hospital in Philadelphia. The following year was spent as resident physician in Wills Hospital, Philadelphia, and in 1906 Doctor Schlindwein came to Erie, and located at 133 West Ninth Street. In 1912 he took post-graduate work in Berlin and Vienna and upon his return to Erie, established his practice in his present location. He is also connected with Hamot and St. Vincent Hospitals.

On Sept. 2, 1902, Doctor Schlindwein was united in marriage with Miss Rose E. Conrath, of Erie, the daughter of Herman and Kate (Schnurr) Conrath.

Doctor Schlindwein is a member of the County, State and American Medical Associations, and is also a member of the American College of Surgeons and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. He is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. Doctor Schlindwein and his wife are well known in Erie and have many friends.

Humphrey Sullivan, well known county assessor and pioneer resident of Erie, was born in County Cork, Ireland, March 2, 1852, and is the son of Thomas and Ellen (McCarthy) Sullivan.

Thomas Sullivan and his wife were natives of Ireland, where they spent their entire lives. He died in 1883 and his wife died in 1892. Mr. Sullivan was a farmer during his life, all of which was spent on the Sulli-

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van homestead in County Cork, and which is now farmed by his son, Michael. To Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan five children were born: John, married Ann Dillon of England, and they are both deceased; Michael, married Helen Manahan, lives in Ireland; Thomas, died at Queensland, Australia; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of M. Donovan, who lives in Ireland; and Humphrey, the subject of this sketch.

Humphrey Sullivan attended the national schools of Ireland and at the age of 20 years came to this country. After spending a year in Boston, Mass., he came to Erie in 1873, where he was employed as a time keeper at the grain docks. In 1895 he was appointed county assessor, which office he has since filled in a capable manner.

On Nov. 4, 1880, Mr. Sullivan was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Meagher, a native of Buffalo, N. Y., born Aug. 13, 1857. To them were born nine children, as follows: Minnie, lives at home; Ella, Margaret, and Josephine, all deceased; Thomas, married Mabel Sullivan, lives in Erie; Lawrence, deceased; Elizabeth, married James Clancy, lives at Meadville, Pa.; Anna May, a teacher, at Wayne School, lives at home; and Joseph H., deceased.

Mr. Sullivan and his family hold membership in St. Patrick's Catholic church. They live at 215 Holland Street.

W. Louis Schlesinger. Among the most capable of the younger attorneys of Erie is W. Louis Schlesinger, a veteran of the World War. He was born at McKeesport, Pa., Oct. 2, 1893, and is a son of Jacob and Lena (Zimmerman) Schlesinger.

Jacob Schlesinger is a native of Austria Hungary, as is also his wife. He was born in 1863 and she in 1865. They have resided in this country for over 40 years and now live retired at McKeesport, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Schlesinger were born the following children: (1) W. Louis, the subject of this sketch; (2) Sadie Helen, married Julius Degner, lives in Elizabeth, N. J., and they have two children: Sidney, born April 1, 1908; and Dorothy Helen, born in March, 1914; (3) Belle, born in October, 1897, married David Krause, a World War veteran, and they have a son, Arthur Selwyn Krause, born in January, 1924; (4) Samuel Alexander, born in October, 1901, a student at the University of Pittsburgh; and (5) Florence B., born in October, 1908.

W. Louis Schlesinger attended the public and high schools of McKeesport, from which he was graduated in 1910. The following year was

spent at the College of the University of Pittsburgh, and in 1911 Mr. Schlesinger entered the law school of the University of Pittsburgh, from which he received his LL.B. degree in 1914. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Oct. 12, 1914, and to the Allegheny County Bar on the same date. Until January, 1916, Mr. Schlesinger was associated in practice with H. Fred Mercer, Esq., in Pittsburgh, and he has since been located in Erie, with offices in the Marine Bank Building. In January, 1916, he was admitted to the Erie County bar and the Superior and Federal Courts of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Schlesinger enlisted in the army during the World War in August, 1918, and was sent to Camp Holt, Gettysburg, Pa. He was later transferred to Erie and served with the District Appeal Draft Board until Dec. 29, 1918, when he was sent to Camp Dix, N. J. He was honorably discharged Jan. 9, 1919. Before entering the World War Mr. Schlesinger was secretary of the Jewish Welfare Board of Erie, an organization with activities during the war similar to those of the Y. M. C. A. and K. of C.

Mr. Schlesinger is a member of the West Eighth Street Temple and belongs to the Erie Lodge of B'nai B'rith of which he is past president and a delegate to the Grand Lodge at Erie in 1922. He also belongs to the Men's Club of the West Eighth Street Temple of which he is a member of the board of directors, and he is identified with the Y. M. C. A., Erie County Bar Association, University Club, Erie Elks lodge, Commercial Law League of America, Glenwood Park Golf Association, and the Young Men's Hebrew Association. He is also a member of the American Legion, Post No. 11, Roger Israel.

Lewis W. Olds. A man of good business talents and ability, Lewis W. Olds is intimately associated with one of the most important manufacturing industries of Corry, being president of the Climax Manufacturing Company, builders of geared locomotives, and also interested in timber lands in Washington. A son of Mason O. Olds, he was born March 30, 1865, at Youngsville, Warren County, Pa. He comes of New England stock, his grandfather, Elisha Olds, a lineal descendant of Phineas Olds, who was a son of Ezekiel Old, of Brookfield, Mass., having been born and brought up in Vermont, and who served as corporal and captain in the war of the Revolution, being in the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1777, also in the Battle of Lexington. Ezekiel Old also served in the French and Indian wars, as mentioned in History North Brookfield, pages 214-215 and 697.

Ezekiel was the son of Capt. William Old who took part in the siege

and capture of Louisburg in Queen Anne's War in 1747, and William Old is a son of Dr. Robert Old who settled in Windsor, Conn., in 1669, having come from England in that year and settled in Connecticut. The letter S was added to the surname Old as mentioned, pages 44-45 of History Suffield, Colony Massachusetts 1660-1749, published by Hezekiel Spencer Sheldon.

In company with his half-brothers, Joel and Gilbert Olds, Elisha Olds migrated from the Green Mountain state to Pennsylvania in pioneer days, making the entire journey with teams. Locating in Erie County, he bought a tract of forest covered land on Mill Creek, being one of the earlier settlers of that part of the county. Making a clearing, in which he erected a log cabin, he began the improvement of a homestead. After he had well started his farming operations, he took advantage of the water on the place, developed the water power, erected a saw mill and a pump shop, and was one of the pioneer lumber and pump manufacturers of Erie County. Succeeding in his labors, he cleared a goodly portion of his land, erected a substantial set of frame buildings and there resided until his death at the age of 67 years. He was three times married. He married first Abigail W. Flint, who was born in Vermont, a daughter of James and Jerusha Flint. He married second Mary A. Deming, of Kenosha, Wis., and married for his third wife, Mrs. Electa (Chase) Huie. By his first marriage he had 13 children, as follows: James P., George, Oby, Oro, Mason O., Allen, Welcome, Henry, Delight, Moses, Nellie, and Martha. One child died in infancy. Of his second marriage two children were born, Dana E., and Walter R.

Mason O. Olds was born July 21, 1836, at Belle Valley, Mill Creek Township, and was there reared on the home farm, receiving his education in the pioneer schools of his district. Beginning when young to assist his father in the shop and mill, he became familiar with the business, and on attaining his majority went to Youngsville, Warren County, Pa., where he engaged in the manufacture of pumps until 1870. Coming in that year to Corry, he established a pump factory, which he conducted successfully until his death, two years later, while yet in manhood's prime. His wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Mead, was born at Youngsville, Pa., in 1838, a daughter of Joseph Mead, a pioneer farmer of Warren County. She died in 1906, aged 68 years.

The only son of his parents, Lewis W. Olds received a practical education in the public schools of Corry, after which he commenced his business career as a bookkeeper for the Climax Manufacturing Company, ac-

cepting the position in 1885. After a few years of faithful work in that capacity, he became financially interested in the business as a part owner, and in 1904, when it was incorporated, Mr. Olds was elected president of the company and has since devoted his entire time and energies to its interests.

Mr. Olds married in 1885 Nellie Raymond, whose father, Murray M. Raymond, and grandfather, Francis Raymond, were born in Columbus Township, Warren County, Pa., where her great-grandfather, Seth Sears Raymond, was a pioneer settler, and where her great-great-grandfather, Zachariah Raymond, a Revolutionary soldier (mentioned in Book 1298, Massachusetts, Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, page 1013) spent his last years. Seth Sears Raymond came to Warren County when the country round-about was in its primeval wildness. Buying a tract of timber land in Columbus Township, he cleared and improved a homestead on which he lived many years. When ready to give up active labor, he removed to the village and there lived retired until his death. Brought up on the home farm, Francis Raymond early turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and having purchased land in Columbus Township was there engaged in general farming during his active life, residing there until his death, at the age of four score years. His wife, whose maiden name was Della Colegrove, was born in Concord Township, where her parents were early settlers. Murray M. Raymond was born June 10, 1843, and grew to manhood on the home farm. During the Civil War he served one year in the Union army, after which he engaged in the lumber business for a time. He later established himself in Corry as a manufacturer and was president of the Raymond Manufacturing Company. He married Seraphina Bishop, who was born in Columbus Township, a daughter of Joseph Bishop. Joseph Bishop's mother's maiden name was Sallie Burk, daughter of Joseph Burk, who served in the Revolutionary War at Newberry, Guilford, and Westminster, mentioned in Vermont Revolutionary Roll, book 991-12, page 353. She died in 1903, leaving three children: Nellie G., wife of Mr. Olds; Frank M., and Harriet. Mr. and Mrs. Olds have one son living, Murray Raymond Olds, born in 1890. Their first son, Mason O., was born in 1887 and died in 1904.

Mr. Olds is a director of the National Bank of Corry. He has served as a member of the Corry Council and city commission. He is identified with the Masonic lodge, being a 33rd degree Mason, and he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Elks lodge.

John Stephen Rilling. Among the prominent members of the Erie County bar, who has practiced his profession in Erie for 40 years with honor and exceptional ability, is John Stephen Rilling. He was born in Mill Creek Township, Erie County, July 22, 1860, and is the son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Ackerman) Rilling.

The paternal grandparents of John S. Rilling were Stephen Henry and Mary (Young) Rilling, and his maternal grandparents were Valentine and Susan (Weigel) Ackerman. His four grandparents were born in the southern part of Germany in the Neckar Valley near the town of Tubingen. In 1834 they embarked on and sailed on the Rhine to Antwerp, where they took a sailing vessel for America and were three months in making the passage. Arriving in Philadelphia, they proceeded via Pittsburgh, canal and horse drawn vehicles, to Erie and located on land in Mill Creek Township, a short distance south of the city of Erie. Christopher Rilling, father of John S. Rilling, son of Stephen Henry and Mary (Young) Rilling, was married on Aug. 20, 1846, to Elizabeth Ackerman, daughter of Valentine and Susan Ackerman. They both came from Germany with their parents when very young.

John Stephen Rilling attended the public schools in his native township and Northwestern State Normal School at Edinboro, Pa.; studied law and was admitted to the bar of Erie County, Feb. 19, 1885, and to the Superior and Supreme courts of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court and the Supreme court of the United States. From the time of his admission to the bar he has continued in active practice, and has offices in the Ariel Building.

Mr. Rilling was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania in 1894 and was a delegate at large to the National Democratic Convention which met in Chicago in 1896. In 1907 he was appointed by Governor Stuart a member of the Commission to codify the school laws of Pennsylvania and was the only lawyer on the commission. When the School Code became a law in 1911, he was appointed by Governor Tener a member of the State Board of Education, on which Board he continued to serve until May 26, 1915, when he was appointed by Governor Brumbaugh a member of the Public Service Commission for the term of nine years, dating from July 1, 1913.

Mr. Rilling was married Oct. 20, 1887, to Miss Stella Armstrong, daughter of Andrew and Amy Maria Armstrong. Her father was killed at the bloody angle at the battle of Spottsylvania during the Civil War

and her mother died June 7, 1924. Mr. and Mrs. Rilling have two children: Marian E., married John R. Metcalf of Erie and they have two children, Mary R., and John R., Jr.; Ruth A. Rilling married Chester H. Lang of Schenectady, N. Y., and they have two daughters, Margaret I., and Amy A. Lang.

Mr. Rilling is identified with the Masonic lodge and is past master of Tyrian lodge and past commander of Mount Olivet Commandery, was one of the incorporators of St. Vincent's Hospital Association in 1894 and is still connected with that institution. He was also one of the charter members of the Kahkwa Club.

George E. Pierce. Among the native born citizens of Erie County who have spent their lives within its boundaries, and have aided in every possible way its growth and development, whether relating to its agricultural, commercial or financial interests, is George E. Pierce. He was born at North East, Dec. 25, 1860, and is the son of Earl and Louisa L. (Histed) Pierce.

Earl Pierce was born at North East, Dec. 19, 1820. His parents were Palmer and Anna (Brewster) Pierce, the former a native of New York, and both of English descent, the Pierces being lineally descended from one of the Pilgrim fathers. Palmer Pierce purchased a farm in North East Township in 1819, and the following year located upon it with his family, and there continued to reside throughout his life with the exception of a year or two spent in Chatauqua County, N. Y. He died in 1859 and his wife in 1868.

Earl Pierce was educated in the public schools and after learning the carpenter's trade followed that business for 24 years at North East. He purchased a farm in the township, where he resided for 12 years, during which period he was a dealer in agricultural implements. In 1876 he returned to North East where he spent the remainder of his life. His wife, who was born at North East, July 6, 1822, is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce had two children: Royce S., born at North East, May 2, 1846, died in August, 1907; and George E., the subject of this sketch.

George E. Pierce attended the schools of North East and Lake Shore Seminary. At an early age he became interested in the grape growing industry and established the George E. Pierce Grape Company, which for a number of years has been one of the leading concerns of its kind in this section of the state. Mr. Pierce is vice president of the National Bank

of North East, president of the Fernald Manufacturing Company, North East, and president of the Electric Materials Company, North East. He has served as burgess of North East since Jan. 1, 1922.

In 1886 Mr. Pierce was married to Miss Cora Rogers, who was born at North East, Feb. 14, 1860. They have a son, Carleton R., born in June, 1895. He is a graduate of Swarthmore College and is now superintendent of his father's farms.

Mr. Pierce is a member of the North East Presbyterian church, a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the North East Club. His wife organized the D. A. R. Chapter at North East and is Regent of that Chapter. She is also State Vice Regent of the Daughters of the American Colonists. Mrs. Pierce is the daughter of Zenas and Lydia (Leet) Rogers, who were both natives of Erie County.

H. Harold Meyer, manager and treasurer of the Keystone Co-Operative Grape Association, is a well known and successful business man of North East. He was born in Hodgeman County, Kansas, Aug. 30, 1888, and is a son of E. Carlos and Ida May (Chapman) Meyer.

E. Carlos Meyer was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 2, 1864, and his wife was a native of Chautauqua, N. Y., born July 25, 1865. He was a graduate of Ohio State University and when a young man settled on a ranch of 640 acres in Hodgeman County, Kan. Later he returned to Cincinnati, and at the time of his death in 1894, was secretary of the H. H. Meyer Packing Company. He is buried at Lawrenceburg, Ind. His wife died in June, 1920. To Mr. and Mrs. Meyer two children were born: Bertha Mae, born June 4, 1886, married Oct. 6, 1908, to Dr. Arthur W. Dieffenbach, a prominent dentist of Westfield, N. Y.; and H. Harold, the subject of this sketch.

H. Harold Meyer received his education in the public and high schools of western New York and in 1908 was graduated from Bryant & Stratton's College, Buffalo. He was then employed as a bookkeeper by the Grape Products Company of North East, and later traveled as a representative for the Fernald Manufacturing Company of North East. In 1911 Mr. Meyer was associated with the Jacob Dold Packing Company at Buffalo, later with the W. D. Andrews Company, Buffalo, and in 1914 he entered the employ of the Welch Grape Juice Company of Westfield, N. Y. The following year he was transferred to their factory at St. Catherines, Can., as manager, and six months later to their factory at North East as assist-

ant superintendent. After two years he returned to the company's main office at Westfield. In April, 1918, Mr. Meyer went with the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D. C., as an examiner and auditor on special investigating work and remained in that position until 1920, when he accepted a position as office manager and chief accountant with the Harvard Vineyard Company, Brocton, N. Y. In 1922 he came to North East as manager and treasurer of the Keystone Co-operative Grape Association, and in 1923 was made a director of the company.

On Nov. 25, 1914, Mr. Meyer was united in marriage with Miss Hallie Adelle Rouse, of North East, born Aug. 1, 1890.

Mr. Meyer is a member of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, a 32nd degree Mason and belongs to the Elks lodge, Lions Club, Y. M. C. A., and is Director of the North East Golf Club. He is a member of Erie Motor Club; a Shriner of Zem Zem Temple, Erie, Pa., and a Director of H. H. Meyer Packing Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a substantial citizen of Erie County and a worthy member of his community.

Conrad Hess, Jr., merchant tailor, is a member of a prominent pioneer family of Erie. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, and is the son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Schellong) Hess, natives of Germany.

Soon after their marriage in Germany, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hess emigrated to this country and settled in Erie, where he was employed at his trade as a cigar maker. In 1870 he engaged in business for himself, and at the time of his retirement in 1900 he ranked among the prosperous business men of the city. He died in 1922. To Mr. and Mrs. Hess the following children were born: John C., lives in Erie; Conrad, Jr., the subject of this sketch; Matilda, lives in Erie; Matthew, warden at the Erie County Prison, formerly of Matthew Hess & Brother, leading cigar manufacturers of Erie; Catherine, married William Goulett, lives in Erie; Anthony, employed by the American Cleaning & Pressing Company, Erie; Emma, married Ray Zuck, Erie, Pa.; and James, lives in Erie.

Conrad Hess, Jr., was educated in the public schools of Erie and when a boy worked with his father and learned the cigar trade while going to school. At the age of 13 he began learning the tailor trade with Warnath Brothers in Erie, serving four years. He then went to New York City to learn more of the trade and there took a course in men's garment cutting in Professor Green's Cutting Academy of New York. Later he spent 10 years in traveling from city to city, working

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at his trade as a coat maker. In 1898 he returned to Erie, Pa., and worked for Charles S. Marks, merchant tailor. In 1901 he began working for Isaac Baker & Sons Company, where he continued until 1916, when he established his present business at 266 West Eighth Street. He is the owner of the building in which his store is located, a fine two-story brick building. He has an excellent trade and his is one of the high class tailoring establishments of the country.

On Nov. 8, 1899, Mr. Hess was married to Miss Julia Richtsheit, of Erie, a daughter of Joseph and Catherine Richtsheit.

Mr. Hess is vice president of the board of education and has served as a member of the board since 1919. He is a Republican, a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church, a 32nd degree Mason, and member of the Shrine, and belongs to the Elks Lodge, Knights of Malta, Chamber of Commerce and Union Club. Mr. Hess takes a keen interest in educational affairs and is a man of progressive ideas.

Theodore C. Hill is a veteran of the World War and a popular young business man of North East. He was born at Clymer, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1893, and is the son of Clyde C. and Cora E. (Case) Hill.

Clyde C. Hill, well known county engineer of Erie County, was born at Clymer, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1865, the son of James and Aurelia S. (Green) Hill. In 1897 the Hill family removed to North East, where Clyde C. Hill successfully conducted a fire insurance business until 1915. He also followed his profession of civil engineer from 1895 and was elected county engineer in 1919. He resides in North East, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have three children: Theodore C., the subject of this sketch; James R., a member of the firm of Hill & Hill, civil engineers, in the Marine Bank Building, Erie; and Lucy A., who lives at Dundalk, Md.

Theodore C. Hill was graduated from North East High School in 1911 and after attending Allegheny College was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1916, and was later licensed by the University of New York as a civil engineer. In 1917 he was appointed city engineer at West Union, Iowa, and also served as county engineer of roads and bridges in Bremer County, Iowa, until 1918, when he began the study for Doctor of Public Health in the medical school at the University of Michigan. On Feb. 28, 1918, he volunteered for service in the army and served as a member of the water supply division of the sanitary corps. Mr. Hill served in France for ten months and was discharged at Camp Mitchell, L. I., July

12, 1919. He is now city engineer of North East, Girard, Edinboro, Cambridge Springs and Westfield, N. Y., and is also secretary and treasurer of the civil engineering firms of Hill & Hill, Erie.

In 1918 Mr. Hill was married to Miss Ada Thompson, of Cochranton, Pa., and they have two daughters, Kathryn, born May 19, 1920, and Marie Estelle, born Feb. 7, 1925.

Mr. Hill is a member of the Presbyterian church, a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans of the World War, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and the Lamda Chi Alpha fraternity. He is also a life member of the University of Michigan Union.

DeWitt C. Bostwick. One of the most prominent of the successful business men of North East is DeWitt C. Bostwick, president of the Keystone Co-operative Grape Association. He was born at Vernon, Oneida County, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1847, and is the son of John and Harriet (Butler) Bostwick, both natives of Utica, N. Y.

John Bostwick was a cabinet maker by trade and in 1867 removed to State Line, where he engaged in the mercantile business, which he followed until within four years of his death, Feb. 21, 1880. He was born July 20, 1807. His wife died Sept. 14, 1893. They were the parents of four children: Rachael, born Jan. 1, 1845, married Doctor Strong, Westfield, N. Y.; DeWitt C., the subject of this sketch; Marcia, born July 26, 1851, married Levi Miller, Canton, Ohio; and Carrie, born March 29, 1860, married George Bartoo, St. Angars, Iowa.

DeWitt C. Bostwick is of the seventh generation from John Bostwick who came from England with his three brothers, Robert, Ebenezer, and Joseph, about 1688, and moved to Stamford, Conn., in the year 1707, and was the second person settling in that town. He was of Scotch extraction. DeWitt C. Bostwick was educated in the private school and in Bryant & Stratton's College, graduating in 1866. He then came to State Line and engaged in business with his father until 1871, when he went to Ohio and engaged in the construction of the Painesville & Youngstown Railroad, in the capacity of superintendent of construction. Mr. Bostwick has been interested in the grape industry for many years and in 1910-1911 was manager of the Keystone Grape Company, and elected president in 1912. He served in this capacity until the liquidation of the company in 1921, in which year the Keystone Co-Operative Grape Association was formed.

Jan. 1, 1922, he was elected chairman of the executive board and Jan. 1, 1925, was elected president of the company. Mr. Bostwick is a director of the North East National Bank and chairman of the auditing committee. He is also interested in the Electric Materials Company of North East.

Sept. 4, 1872, Mr. Bostwick was married to Miss Ottilia A. Hall, the daughter of George Hall. They have a son, George H., who was born Dec. 18, 1879.

George H. Bostwick attended the public schools of Ripley, N. Y., and is a graduate of Cornell University, where he specialized in the study of horticulture. He is superintendent of the Bostwick & Son Farms. Mr. Bostwick was married to Miss Gertrude McCord, a native of North East, born Aug. 7, 1884, and the daughter of William and Florence (Bemis) McCord. They have three children: Kenneth McCord, Florence Ottilia, and Catherine Hall Bostwick. Geo. H. Bostwick is a Knight Templar Mason.

DeWitt C. Bostwick is a member of the Masonic order and is a Republican.

N. P. Fuller, president of the First National Bank of North East, is a member of one of the early pioneer families of Erie County. He was born in North East, Sept. 5, 1875, and is a son of Elisha N. and Eliza (Shankland) Fuller.

Elisha N. Fuller was a native of North East, born May 4, 1845. He engaged in the oil business at Bradford, Pa., for a number of years and later became a leading business man of North East. He built and managed the Earl Hotel here as well as other business blocks in the city. Mr. Fuller died in 1901 and his widow, who was born at Ellicottville, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1847, resides at North East. They had two children: N. P., the subject of this sketch; and Emma K., born at North East, Sept. 20, 1884. She married Frank M. Baldwin, a druggist of North East, where they live.

N. P. Fuller attended the public schools of North East and at the age of 16 years began his business career in the bank of W. A. Ensign & Son, of North East, with whom he remained until 1893. He has since been identified with the First National Bank and has risen to his present position as president from messenger boy. He was elected to this office in January, 1925.

In 1897 Mr. Fuller was united in marriage with Miss Anna E. Loop, who was born at North East. They have a son, Blair M. Fuller, who was born Aug. 18, 1898. He was educated in the public and high schools of

North East and in 1921 was graduated from Annapolis Naval Academy with the rank of ensign. He has since been promoted to lieutenant and is at present on the U. S. S. "Pope".

Mr. Fuller is a member of the Episcopal church and his wife holds membership in the Baptist church. He belongs to the Masonic lodge and the North East Golf Club. He has many friends throughout Erie County and is highly esteemed.

George W. Blaine, retired, is one of North East's oldest business men and ranks among the substantial citizens of Erie County. He was born at North East, March 6, 1849, and is the son of A. W. and Sarah A. (Platt) Blaine, also natives of North East.

James Blaine, paternal grandfather of George W. Blaine, was born in Juniata County, Pa., and Jeremiah Platt, maternal grandfather, was a native of Connecticut. Both became residents of North East Township about 1800 and purchased land from the Holland Land Company.

A. W. Blaine and Sarah A. Platt were married in North East and were prominent and well known residents there. He was actively and successfully engaged in the banking business for a number of years. In 1864 he organized the First National Bank in association with Amos Gould, John McCord, and William Griffith and was elected its first cashier, in which capacity he controlled its interests and made it one of the substantial institutions of that locality. He also did much towards shaping the public policy of that district, his ability and fitness for leadership resulting in his election to various offices. For some time he filled the position as justice of the peace and three times was called upon to represent his district in the general assembly. He died Jan. 10, 1879, and his wife died in May, 1867. Their children were: Alice E., deceased, was the wife of Col. W. A. Robinson, a banker of Pittsburgh, and they had three children, Alice Blaine, A. Blaine, and W. A. Robinson; George W., the subject of this sketch; and Mary R., married Joseph T. McCord, both deceased, and they had two children, Florence B., and Ruth M. McCord, who reside in Erie.

George W. Blaine acquired his education in the public schools of North East and in 1870, when 21 years of age, he began business as proprietor of a grocery store, but a year later sold out and went on his father's farm, which he rented until the father's death. He then purchased the place which he developed into a fine 50 acre vineyard. In 1893 Mr. Blaine

turned his attention to banking and with several other leading business men organized the First National Bank of North East. He was elected its president and served in that capacity until his resignation in 1925. He then accepted the chairmanship of the Board of Directors. Mr. Blaine is president of the Blaine, MacKay, Lee Company, flour, feed and coal dealers, and he is also president of the North East Cider Works, one of the oldest cider and vinegar works in this part of the country, being established in 1859. He is past president of the American Beauty Stove Works of Erie. Since the time of the organization of the North East Club in 1905 he has served as its president, and he has been president of the Horticulture Society of North East for many years.

On Sept. 25, 1872, Mr. Blaine was married to Miss Anna M. Hampson, of North East, Pa., and the daughter of James and Matilda (Porter) Hampson, natives of North East and Scotland, respectively. Mr. Hampson died in 1898 and his wife died in 1896. They had four children: George A., engaged in the real estate and insurance business at North East; Harriet J., died in 1876; Alice, married J. S. Towne, deceased, and she lives in Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Blaine one child was born, Ruth M., deceased.

Mr. Blaine is a Republican and has served as a member of the city council for 13 years. He has been president of Oak Hill Cemetery at North East for 25 years. He is a member of the Presbyterian church of which he has been trustee for many years. Mr. Blaine has a wide acquaintance and the Blaine family ranks among the representative citizens of the county.

Richard L. Nash is a prominent young man of Erie where he is engaged in the practice of law. He was born at Crossingville, Pa., April 20, 1897, and is a son of Michael H. and Mary (McLaughlin) Nash.

Michael H. Nash was born in Erie County, in April, 1860, and his wife was born here in 1865. He was a carpenter by trade and for a number of years was superintendent of the Erie Car Works. He died in 1913 and his wife died in 1901. They are buried in Trinity Cemetery, Erie. There were four children in the Nash family: Carlton, born in 1891, lives in Erie; Richard L., the subject of this sketch; and Marie and Eunice, both of whom live in Erie.

Richard L. Nash attended St. Patrick's school and was graduated from Erie High School in 1914. He received his education in law at George-

town University, Washington, D. C., and was admitted to the District of Columbia Supreme Court and Court of Appeals in 1923. After practicing his profession in Washington for a year, Mr. Nash established his office in Erie in 1924. His offices are in the Marine Bank building.

During the World War Mr. Nash volunteered for service in the U. S. Army, in April, 1918, and was a member of the 71st Coast Artillery. He served in France from October, 1918, until February, 1919, and was discharged March 15, 1919. He now holds a commission as second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Officers Reserve Corps.

Mr. Nash is a member of the Catholic church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

Dr. Thomas A. Beal, a prominent and successful dentist of North East, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Clark's Mills, Mercer County, Oct. 3, 1862, and is a son of George and Margaret Jane (Findley) Beal.

George Beal was born near London, England, and came to this country in 1852. He was a gardener and after coming here engaged in farming on 106 acres of land in Mercer County, which he improved from timber land. He was a leading citizen of his community and served as school director, road commissioner, and borough director. Mr. and Mrs. Beal are buried at Clark's Mills, Pa. They were the parents of the following children: Anna M., the widow of John Pears, lives at Cochranton, Pa.; Nettie I., deceased, was the wife of R. P. McClure, lives at Jamestown, Pa.; Russell F., a farmer, lives at Hadley, Pa., married Albertina Dean; George E., a dentist, married Margaret Deming, lives at St. Louis, Mo.; William L., a dentist, married Carrie Jordon, lives at New Castle, Pa.; Morley J., a dentist, married Amelia Stoltzing, deceased, and later Jennie Haglund, lives at Jamestown, N. Y.; Mary, deceased; and Thomas A., the subject of this sketch.

Thomas A. Beal was educated in the public schools of Clark's Mills, Sheakleyville (Pa.) High School, McElwain Institute at New Lebanon, Pa., and the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, Mo., winning a gold medal for proficiency in college work. He completed his dental course at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, March 20, 1890, and in 1898 took a post graduate course at the Northwestern University Dental College, Chicago. From 1890 until 1898 Dr. Beal practiced his profession at Fredonia, Pa., and after his post graduate work

located at Cochranton, Pa., where he remained until 1901, after which he practiced dentistry with his brother in St. Louis. In 1908 he opened offices at Oil City, Pa., and three years later went to Jamestown, N. Y., where he remained until 1919. He has since been located at North East, where he has a well established practice with offices in the First National Bank Building.

In 1900 Dr. Beal was united in marriage with Miss Eva J. Findley, born at Findley Lake, N. Y., March 23, 1879, the daughter of James D. and Sarah J. (Hazlett) Findley, the former a native of Findley Lake, and the latter of Ireland. Mr. Findley was a Civil War veteran and a direct descendent of Alexander Findley, a surgeon in the Revolutionary War. Alexander Findley settled in New York state and built a large dam which was later named Findley Lake. He also established large flour and saw mills there. To Dr. and Mrs. Beal two daughters were born: Winifred J., born in St. Louis, March 22, 1906, a student at Allegheny College; and Ina Mae, born at Jamestown, N. Y., March 25, 1919.

Dr. Beal is identified with the Lake Erie Dental Association, the Erie County Dental Association, and the Eighth District Society of New York, the Dental Society of the State of New York and the American Dental Association. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge. His wife is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Colonists, Order of Eastern Star, and Rebecca lodge. Dr. Beal has a wide acquaintance in Western Pennsylvania and is a progressive man and very popular in his profession as shown by his recent election to the secretaryship of the Lake Erie Dental Association.

Fred Grimshaw is one of the leading citizens of North East where he is identified with the Electric Materials Company. He was born here July 6, 1871, and is the son of Benjamin and Sarah Ann (Pullen) Grimshaw.

Benjamin Grimshaw was born at Leeds, England, in 1832, and his wife was born there in 1833. They were married in England in 1853 and came to this country six years later. They established their home at Harbor Creek, Pa., where he was employed by the Cass Woolen Mills, which are now extinct. In 1861 they removed to North East where he founded the Cass & Grimshaw Woolen Mills. Mr. Grimshaw became a prominent citizen of this section and died in 1877. His wife died in 1898 and they are buried in the North East Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw two chil-

dren were born: Jane, born at Leeds, Eng., married William Grimshaw, and they live retired at North East; and Fred, the subject of this sketch.

After attending the district schools, Fred Grimshaw engaged in farming for four years and in 1890 became associated with the Eureka Tempered Copper Company of North East, with whom he remained until 1915. In that year he was one of the organizers of the Electric Materials Company of which he is superintendent of foundries.

Mr. Grimshaw was married to Miss Nellie Grace, who was born at North East, May 24, 1873, a daughter of Michael and Helen (Lynch) Grace, natives of North East, and both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw have no children.

Mr. Grimshaw is a Republican and has served as a member of the city council continuously since January, 1913. He is a member of the Episcopal church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Arold Albert Freeman stands as a splendid representative of the legal profession in Erie County and is among the most prominent citizens of Erie. He was born on the old Freeman farm in Crawford County, Pa., July 4, 1850, and is the son of Arold and Mary (Davis) Freeman.

Arold Freeman was born near Metuchen, N. J., July 26, 1807, and was a son of Arold Freeman, who was born in the same neighborhood in 1770. His father, Thomas Freeman, was born in New Jersey in 1748, and was the son of Henry Freeman, Jr., born in Woodbridge, N. J., in 1717. The last named was of the first generation of American born members of the family. His father, Henry Freeman, Sr., was born in England in 1670 and emigrated to America in 1683, landing at Philadelphia.

Arold Freeman, father of the subject of this sketch, followed the occupation of farming throughout his entire life and died in Crawford County, Sept. 11, 1888. His wife was born in that county in September, 1810, and was a daughter of Isaac Davis, of Welsh descent and a pioneer of Crawford County. She died Jan. 10, 1877, after having reared a family of seven children.

Arold Freeman, whose name introduces this review, remained on the old home farm of the Freeman family in Crawford County until he attained the age of 19 years. Leaving the district schools, he entered the state normal school at Edinboro, and was there graduated with the class of 1872. He afterward engaged in teaching school for a few terms in order to obtain money with which to complete his education and after

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acquiring his literary course he entered the medical department of the Buffalo University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1876, winning his M. D. degree. The same year he located in Erie, where he engaged in the practice of his profession for five years until his health became impaired and he was forced to put aside the duties of his chosen calling. About that time he was elected to the office of alderman and while filling that position he also read law familiarizing himself with the leading textbooks and commentaries during his five years' aldermanic term. In 1886 he was admitted to the bar and at once entered upon the practice of law, in which he has continued successfully to the present time. His ablity at the bar is evidenced by the large clientage accorded him.

While his professional duties make heavy demand upon his time, Mr. Freeman has also been recognized as an active worker in the ranks of the Democratic party and in 1888 was made its candidate for assemblyman, being defeated by only 72 votes. The same year he was elected a member of the Erie School Board and served for three years, while for one year he was president of the board. During that period he agitated the subject of building a free school library, earnestly advocating this work and is conceded to be the originator and chief promoter of the project, a report of the secretary of the board giving him credit in this way.

Concerning the beginning of the Public School Library in Erie the following is taken from the report of Prof. H. C. Missimer for the years of 1897-99. "The final realization of a public library is the work of the Board of Education of the City of Erie. The library idea was first presented to the board by its text book and rules committee, of which A. A. Freeman was a member. In July, 1890, it recommended that $100 for the purchase of books of reference as the foundation of a school library and that all fines collected by city aldermen coming to the school board be used for library purposes. This motion was also made by Mr. Freeman as a member of this committee. In his inaugural address as president of the board in June, 1891, Mr. Freeman still further developed his ideas of a library, and in a letter to the Evening Herald of May 31, 1894, he advocated the establishment of a free non-sectarian public library under the supervision of the board of education. He pointed out the provisions of the law by which a library might be established and he argued that the board of education should therefore establish and maintain such a library. The honor of originating such a library for our city, under the control of the board of education clearly belongs to A. A. Freeman." This

is perhaps quoting enough of this report, enough to say that a law was drawn by Mr. Freeman and submitted to a committee by the board, of which Benjamin Whitman, H. C. Missimer, and A. A. Freeman were invited members, in February, 1894, and adopted. Largely through the efforts of Gen. D. B. McCreary, member of the senate, and Col. E. P. Gould, member of the house, the bill became a law June 28, 1895. The library grounds were bought and building provided for during the years 1896 and 1897. Such in brief is the history of the origin of the public school library of Erie."

Mr. Freeman has at all times been interested in matters of general improvement, reform and advancement, and wherever the opportunity has presented for a good work or for assistance in any worthy movement he has not been found wanting. He was one of the incorporators of St. Vincent's Hospital, drafted the plans for its organization and for many years its attorney. He is also attorney for the Sisters of St. Joseph, representing them in legal interests since his admission to the bar.

The following is from a speech delivered by Mr. Freeman on the occasion of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of St. Vincent's Hospital: "I am very glad to meet with the members of the Corporation at the beginning of the 50th year of the establishment of the St. Vincent's Hospital. The first building was erected in the year of 1875 on the south side of 24th, about midway between Sassafras Street and Myrtle Street. The building was in size 60x90 feet and cost about $7,000. The hospital was placed in charge of seven Sisters of St. Joseph, under the supervision of Mother Agnes, assisted by Sister Ambrosia, who afterward became the Mother Superior of the order, and Sisters Clotilda, Anastatia, Jerome, Agatha and Mary. These seven sisters devoted their whole time to the hospital. There was no mention of the hospital in the city directory of 1875, but in the issue of 1876 we find this note: 'St. Vincent's Hospital —In charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Open to all nationalities and creeds. Dr. J. L. Stewart, Physician.' This announcement continued to 1889, Doctor Stewart being mentioned in each directory down to 1889 and he continued in charge until his death in 1890. I was called many times to assist Doctor Stewart from 1876 until 1881 and I have no recollection of meeting any other physician at the hospital during that time. After the death of Doctor Stewart, Dr. C. W. Stranahan was at the head of the physicians in charge, assisted by other members of the profession. A few years prior to the establishment of the hospital, Mother Agnes

Spencer came to Erie and organized a small band of women pledged to Chastity and Poverty into the Order of the Sisters of St. Joseph, objects of this organization being 'the relief and support of the sick, destitute and disabled persons, the maintenance of orphans, the care and education of youth and other works of charity.' For many years St. Vincent's was the only hospital in the City of Erie. Sole credit must be given to this small band of women, who without money, maintained and developed this hospital by their work and prayers, aided by such voluntary contributions as they might receive from the community. In order that they might be better able to carry on their work in the City of Erie a charter was granted by the Erie County Court, May 2, 1882, to the Sisters of St. Joseph by the corporate name of "Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania." But the time came when this institution could no longer be supported by voluntary contributions and the work of the devoted Sisters and the medical profession. On Dec. 14, 1894, a charter was granted to the St. Vincent's Hospital Association, to establish and maintain in the City of Erie a hospital in which medical and surgical attention and nursing may be given to all who may need and desire it without regard or distinction of race, color or religion, and under that charter St. Vincent's Hospital has been conducted and maintained, and the history of which can be better given by those who have been in closer touch than I have. But never let it be forgotten that this work and success was made possible by that little band of devoted women, led by Mother Agnes, followed by Mother Ambrosia Powers and turned over to this association. At the time Mother Ambrosia Powers was appointed superintendent of the hospital a medical staff was appointed consisting of Dr. C. W. Stranahan, chief of staff, assistants, Dr. Wallace Hunter and Dr. H. H. Forringer, specialist, Dr. J. H. Delaney. You will pardon me if I add here that owing to the well known principle universally adhered to in the medical profession, that no patient that came to this hospital ever lacked for the best of professional care and treatment, regardless of their ability to pay."

Mr. Freeman was married to Miss Josephine Finn, who was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., but was reared in Erie County, a daughter of Nehemiah L. and Lucina (Weaver) Finn. She is a descendant in the fourth generation of William Finn, who came as a stowaway from Ireland and when the vessel reached Castle Garden was sold for his passage to a Doctor Carpenter, of Long Island. He afterward married the

doctor's daughter, Helen. Their son, Anthony Finn, removed to Orange County, N. Y., while Nehemiah Finn, the grandfather of Mrs. Freeman, located in Greenfield Township, Erie County, and was one of the first to make and ship butter from this town to New York City, shipping by lake to Buffalo and thence to the Erie Canal to the Hudson and on to the metropolis. His son, Nehemiah Finn, Jr., became a well known and representative farmer of North East Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Freeman were born the following children: Arold R., born March 3, 1878, married Alice Blickinderfer, of Lancaster, Pa., and they have a daughter, Elinor Jane, born Oct. 2, 1907; and William Arold, born March 31, 1915, in the Isle of Pines; Robert T., born Jan. 19, 1881, has two children, Albert S., born Aug. 5, 1916, and Robert L., born July 14, 1918; Hortense, born Dec. 20, 1883; and Gladys, born July 19, 1889, married C. Harrison Lund, a sketch of whom appears in this history. Mrs. Freeman died March 2, 1921.

J. A. Spooner. Among the more prominent and influential citizens of North East is J. A. Spooner, assistant vice president of the First National Bank. He was born at North East, June 13, 1879, and is the son of B. Cortland and Alice (Southard) Spooner.

B. Cortland Spooner, deceased, was born in North East Township, Erie County, Sept. 10, 1851, the son of Benjamin T. and Marana K. (Nichols) Spooner, who were natives of the north of England. The family settled in North East Township in 1849 and in 1872 removed to North East. B. Cortland Spooner attended Oberlin College and from 1870 until 1874 engaged in the insurance business in Erie, after which he came to North East and accepted a position in the private bank of Blaine, Gould & Short. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of North East in 1893 and served as cashier for many years and was vice president at the time of his death. He died in 1922 and is buried in North East Cemetery. She is a daughter of Allen and Jane (Hughes) Southard. He was a captain on the Great Lakes. They had 12 children, four of whom survice as follows: Mrs. Alice Spooner, North East; Geo. E. Southard, Lakeland, Fla.; Margaret Barline, Wilmington, Del.; and Julia S. Moore, Seattle, Wash. J. A. Spooner, the subject of this sketch, was the only child born to his parents.

After completing his schooling in the public and high schools of North East, J. A. Spooner became interested in the banking business and has

been identified with the First National Bank since 1902. In January, 1925, he was elected to his present position.

In 1909 Mr. Spooner was united in marriage with Miss Mabel K. Hurst, born at Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 10, 1882. They have a son, Cortland S. Spooner, born Sept. 27, 1910.

Politically Mr. Spooner is a Republican. He is an active member and treasurer of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the North East Club, the North East Golf Club and the Elks lodge.

Will J. Towne is an enterprising and successful business man of North East and a member of one of the best known families in the history of Erie County. He was born at Wattsburg, Pa., Aug. 3, 1865, and is the son of Benjamin Franklin and Elizabeth S. (Pratt) Towne.

Benjamin Franklin Towne, deceased, was one of the early agriculturists of Erie County, and is numbered among its honored pioneers and business men. He was born at Granville, N. Y., May 11, 1822, the son of Bester and Betsey (Martin) Towne, both also from the town of Granville. Benjamin F. Towne settled at North East with his parents in 1829, and the early years of his life were spent assisting his father clear and improve his farm. After his marriage he left his parents' home and became the proprietor of a mercantile business at Wattsburg, Pa., but in 1870 returned to his father's farm on the state road. He died there Oct. 22, 1893, and his wife died in 1910. They had the following children: Joseph I., deceased; Bess May, deceased; Charles F., born in 1849, died in 1907; Marietta, born in 1847, died March 21, 1921; Jessie M., the widow of Capt. D. S. McDonald, of North East; and Will J., the subject of this sketch.

After attending the public schools of North East and Bryant & Stratton College, Buffalo, Will J. Towne became identified with the Downing Carriage Company at Erie, and in 1891 went to Chicago, where he served as cashier of the Chicago Fruit Auction Company. In 1895 he returned to North East and became associated with the North East Cider Works as secretary and treasurer. He has since been affiliated with this company.

In 1907 Mr. Towne was married to Miss Zola E. Bigelow of North East. They have a daughter, Jane Elizabeth, born Dec. 24, 1914.

In politics Mr. Towne is identified with the Republican party and he has served as school director for five years. He is a member of the Pres-

byterian church and belongs to the Masonic lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lions Club and the North East Club. Mrs. Towne is a member of the Eastern Star, and is Past Worthy Matron. She also belongs to the North East Philomathean Literary Society, the Young Matron's Social Club and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion. Both Mr. and Mrs. Towne have a wide acquaintance in Erie County.

Dale Hutchinson is among the successful and representative young business men of North East. He was born in Crawford County, Pa., Feb. 5, 1892, and is the son of Dwight D. and Lydia (Beirwoth) Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight D. Hutchinson are natives of Crawford County, Pa., and now live there retired. He was a farmer during his active career and served as school director and road supervisor. He is a Democrat. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson 12 children were born, as follows: Mark, a farmer, lives at Cambridge Springs, Pa.; Irene, married Paul Bulow, lives at Cambridge Springs, where he is engaged in the real estate business; Don P., lives at home; Ralph W., lives at North East; Vern D., a merchant, lives at Harbor Creek, Pa.; Della, married Walter Leiphart, a building contractor, lives at Dearborn, Mich.; Maud, married Addison Steinhoff, a mechanic, lives at Wesleyville, Pa.; Lloyd, lives at North East; Ward, lives at North East; Ardis, a student; Flora lives at Wesleyville, Pa.; and Dale, the subject of this sketch.

Dale Hutchinson attended the public schools and when a boy worked on his father's farm in Crawford County. In 1913 he was employed by the Shreve Chair Company of Union City and the following year entered the offices of the B. & L. E. Traction Company as ticket agent at Erie, where he remained until 1917. He was then connected with the Stowe Lumber Company of Harbor Creek, Pa., and in 1918 went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he took a complete course at the Clouse Vulcanizing School. The following year Mr. Hutchinson established his present business at North East, which is known as the Dale Hutchinson Company. He carries a complete line of automobile accessories, tires and replacement parts and has a well established business.

On Dec. 26, 1918, Mr. Hutchinson was married to Miss Bertha C. Miller, who was born at Mooreheadville, Pa., Jan. 10, 1891. They have a daughter, Bertha Mildred, born Oct. 22, 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson are members of the English Lutheran Church. He is a Republican.

Walter S. Wheeler. The Wheeler family has long been a potent factor in the development of the horticultural and live stock interests of Erie County. Mr. Wheeler is one of the largest breeders and handlers of fine beef cattle in this locality. He is a native of LeBoeuf, Erie County, born March 13, 1858, the son of Charles M. and Sarah Jane (Clark) Wheeler.

Charles M. Wheeler was born near New Ipswich, N. H., in 1826 and died April 26, 1904, and his wife was born at Townsend Center, Mass., July 9, 1835, and is living at LeBoeuf, Pa. Mr. Wheeler removed to Erie County about 1853, in that year buying land in the township named and devoting it to farming and live stock purposes for the balance of his life. At the time of his death he was a large land owner, being proprietor of an extensive tract of wheat land in Marshall County, Minn., as well as the owner of his large and productive farm in Erie County. He had prospered in worldly possession and had also earned an honorable reputation as a man in public life, having been a member of the Pennsylvania legislature for two terms. He was a 32nd degree Mason.

Walter S. Wheeler was the second of six sons and was educated at the Edinboro Normal School and Waterford Academy, graduating from the latter institution in 1878. He lived with his parents and assisted his father until he was 21 years of age, when he was placed in control of the home farm and continued to conduct it from 1878 until 1893. He then purchased 150 acres of land two miles east of North East, 12 acres of this tract being at the time cultivated in grapes. Since that time he has successfully developed 80 acres of different varieties of grapes, as well as fine orchards of apples and peaches. The balance of his estate is devoted to the raising of live stock, and he has christened his place, "The Walter S. Wheeler Stock and Fruit Farm." There are three gas wells on the farm and the residence is among the most modern in the township.

During the years 1886-87-88, Mr. Wheeler went on numerous hunting expeditions in Texas and No Man's Land, which is now a part of Oklahoma. He has some very beautiful specimens of buffalo heads, and two mounted antelopes, which are kept in a cherry cabinet especially built for this purpose.

Mr. Wheeler served as a member of the 17th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard for five years, and was in service during the Centennial celebration in Philadelphia in 1876, the Pittsburgh riots in 1877, the

Pittsburgh railroad strike and the coal mine strikes at Scranton and Kingston, Pa.

On March 25, 1896, Mr. Wheeler married Miss Cora Annette Burton, a native of Portland, N. Y., born Aug. 21, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler have a daughter, Ruth Annette, born Jan. 10, 1897.

Mr. Wheeler is a member of the Keystone Grape Cooperative Association and a director of the National Bank of North East. He is a 32nd degree Mason and reached this degree before his father did and was present at the ceremony at Pittsburgh when his father received this degree.

Arthur J. Kohler, agent for the Haynes and Oakland automobiles, is among Erie's reliable and excellent business men. He is a native of this city, born Oct. 22, 1882, and the son of Anton and Helen (Duttlinger) Kohler.

Anton Kohler was a celebrated musician of his time. He was born in Austria and came to America in 1875, and settled in Erie, where he conducted a studio of music. He was a member of the Erie Symphony Orchestra and died May 7, 1922. His wife resides in Erie. They had two sons: Franz, an internationally known musician, organizer, director and soloist of the Erie Symphony Orchestra and concert master of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra for 14 years, died Dec. 22, 1918; and Arthur J., the subject of this sketch.

Arthur J. Kohler attended the public schools of Erie, Erie Academy, and Erie Business College. He served as secretary to the manager of the Wayne Brewing Company from 1902 until 1910, was associated with the Herald Lithographing Company from 1910 until 1911, and from 1911 until 1918 served as manager of the F. P. Fieger Company, wholesale beverages. In 1918 he became local dealer for the Haynes and Oakland automobiles and has a well established business at 101-109 East 12th Street.

On Oct. 23, 1905, Mr. Kohler was united in marriage with Miss Sarah W. Burns, of Erie, and they have four children: Richard, born March 31, 1907; Arthur J., Jr., born Oct. 22, 1908; Franz, born July 9, 1910; and Louis, born Dec. 3, 1911.

Mr. Kohler is a Republican, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Elks Lodge, the Eagles, the Optimist Club of which he is vice president, Chamber of Commerce, Erie Motor Club of which he served

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as governor during the years 1923-24-25, and the Automobile Association of which he was president for three years. He is identified with the Used Car Exchange, the Pennsylvania State Association and the Pennsylvania Automotive Association.

James R. Hill, a member of the firm of Hill & Hill, civil engineers, is among the representative young business men of Erie. He was born at North East, Feb. 27, 1896, and is the son of Clyde C. and Cora E. (Case) Hill.

Clyde C. Hill, county engineer, was born at Clymer, Chautauqua County, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1865, and is the son of James and Aurelia S. (Green) Hill. He was reared and educated at Clymer, N. Y., and is a graduate of Fredonia Normal School. In 1885 he was appointed principal of Ellington (N. Y.) Academy and in 1891 was appointed school commissioner of the first Chautauqua district, in which capacity he served until 1897. He has engaged in his present profession as civil engineer since 1895 and was elected county engineer of Erie County in 1919.

On Dec. 24, 1890, Mr. Hill was married to Miss Cora E. Case of Great Barrington, Mass., and a daughter of Theodora A. and Lucy (Bagg) Case, natives of Chautauqua County, N. Y. Mr. Case died Oct. 23, 1923, and his wife resides on the old homestead at Ellington, N. Y. To Mr. and Mrs. Hill three children were born: Theodore C., lives at North East, Pa.; James R., the subject of this sketch; and Lucy A., lives at Dundalk, Md.

James R. Hill spent his boyhood at North East and was graduated from high school in 1913. After spending a year at Allegheny College he entered the University of Michigan, where he received his degree as Bachelor of Science in Engineering. He has since been a member of the firm of Hill & Hill, with offices in the Marine Bank Building.

In 1919 Mr. Hill was married to Miss Lavina N. Oldach, of North East, born June 2, 1896, and the daughter of John B. and Hannah (Leemhuis) Oldach. Mr. Oldach, a former merchant of North East, is now deceased. His widow lives at the old home there. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have two sons: James Russell, Jr., born March 27, 1920; and Richard Clyde, born March 13, 1924.

Mr. Hill is identified with the Lutheran Memorial Church, a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Lambda Chi Alpha and Tau Beta Pi fraternities. He and his wife have a wide circle of friends in Erie and are favorably known.

Frank H. Keller ranks among the leading citizens and successful business men of Erie County. He is proprietor of the Keller Motion Picture Theatre at North East. Mr. Keller is a native of Erie, born April 4, 1876, and the son of Edward and Christina (Wiendorf) Keller.

Edward Keller was born in Germany, Sept. 14, 1845, and his wife was born at Black Rock, N. Y., Sept. 11, 1845. He came to this country with his parents when a small child. He was a brother of the famous magician, Harry Kellar, and traveled throughout the world on various tours with him. Mr. Keller died April 1, 1920, and his wife died April 11, 1895. They are buried in Lakeside cemetery, Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Keller the following children were born: Mary, born Aug. 14, 1868, married M. V. Buck, of London, Ont., and they live retired in Los Angeles, Cal.; F. H., the subject of this sketch; E. A., born July 2, 1878, married Mamie Keough of Boston, Mass., deceased, and he lives in Los Angeles, Cal., and has two children, Helen and Clara Keller; and Clara Catherine, born April 2, 1872, died Nov. 11, 1911, was the wife of Dr. John W. Wright of Erie, and the mother of Elizabeth Keller Wright, a student at Simmons College, Boston.

F. H. Keller was reared and educated in Erie and when a young man learned the printer's trade at which he was successfully engaged for 21 years. He was the organizer of the "AKD" Company, which is the largest printing establishment in Erie, and which Mr. Keller disposed of in 1924. On Feb. 14, 1922, he purchased the Chickquitty Theatre at North East, which is now known as the Keller Theatre.

In 1900 Mr. Keller was married to Miss Margaret E. White, a native of Ireland, born Feb. 14, 1876. They have a daughter, Katherine M., born May 3, 1901. She was married in 1922 to James K. Blakely of Erie, and they have a son, Harry Kellar Blakely, born July 11, 1924.

Mr. and Mrs. Keller are well known in Erie County. She is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Erie.

Ward E. Hutchinson is well and favorably known in North East. He was born at Cambridge Springs, Crawford County, Pa., June 6, 1897, and is a son of Dwight D. and Lydia (Beirworth) Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight D. Hutchinson are natives of Crawford County, Pa., where they now reside. He was a farmer during his active career and served as school director and road supervisor. He is a Democrat. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson 12 children were born as follows: Mark, a

farmer, lives at Cambridge Springs, Pa.; Irene, married Paul Bulow, lives at Cambridge Springs, where he is engaged in the real estate business; Don P., lives at home; Ralph W., lives at North East; Vern D., a merchant, lives at Harbor Creek, Pa.; Della, married Walter Leiphart, a building contractor, lives at Dearborn, Mich.; Maud, married Addison Steinhoff, a merchant, lives at Wesleyville, Pa.; Lloyd, lives at North East; W. E., the subject of this sketch; Ardis, a student; Flora, lives at Wesleyville, Pa.; and Dale, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

W. E. Hutchinson received his education in the public schools of Cambridge Springs and remained on the home farm until 1916, when he became associated with the General Electric Company at Erie. Later he went to Detroit, Mich., where he was employed by the Otis Elevator Company. In 1921 he established the Hutchinson Electric Service Company at Erie. Besides his battery service he is a dealer in radios and supplies.

On May 20, 1922, Mr. Hutchinson was united in marriage with Miss Freida Margaret Grossholz, of Fairview, Pa., born Feb. 25, 1897, and the daughter of Adolph and Mary Grossholz, natives of Germany and early settlers of Erie County. To Mr. and Mrs. Grossholz the following children were born: Fred R., a grocer at Fairview, Pa.; Adolph L., a merchant at Evans City, Pa.; Elizabeth, married Henry Pfeil, who is connected with the Griswold Manufacturing Company, Erie; May, deceased; Bertha, married John Garries, lives at Fairview, Pa.; Minnie, married Bert Cobb, lives at Harbor Creek, Pa.; and Mrs. Hutchinson. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson two sons have been born: Ward A., Jr., born April 29, 1923; and Charles R., born Jan. 1, 1925.

Mr. Hutchinson is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Malta. He is an enterprising young business man of Erie County, whose success in life is practically assured.

E. M. Sweet, a well known and substantial citizen of Erie County, who resides at Greenfield, was born at Panama, N. Y., July 5, 1885, and is the son of Elon A. and Elnora (Sturges) Sweet.

Mr. and Mrs. Elon A. Sweet, who reside at Greenfield, are natives of Panama, N. Y. He was born Jan. 15, 1850, and she was born Aug. 20, 1863. For a few years he owned and operated a saw mill at Bear Lake, Pa., and also a hotel at Panama. He is at present engaged in

general farming. There are five children in the Sweet family: C. F., born April 19, 1880, lives at 608 East 21st Street, Erie; W. B., born July 21, 1882, a merchant at Adamston, W. Va.; E. M., the subject of this sketch; Mildred, born July 7, 1887, married Charles Henderson, lives at Greenfield, Pa.; and Elmyra, born June 7, 1901, married Homer Holmes, lives at Greenfield.

When he had completed his schooling, E. M. Sweet became interested in the saw mill business and in 1908 entered the employ of the Erie County Milk Association, with whom he has since been identified. In 1920 he was appointed superintendent of the plant at Greenfield and is now serving in that capacity. He has also conducted a saw mill here and in 1924 established a garage and blacksmith business. In 1925 he erected a large store building in Greenfield and has a general store there. Mr. Sweet is agent for the Ford automobiles and Fordson tractor. Besides his business interests he is interested in agriculture and owns 44½ acres of land in Greenfield Township.

In 1905 Mr. Sweet was united in marriage with Miss Edna May Wright, born at North East, June 28, 1887, and the daughter of R. B. and Emma A. (Chrispen) Wright, natives and residents of North East. To Mr. and Mrs. Sweet have been born three children: Howard, born June 16, 1906, connected with the Erie County Milk Association; Clifford, born May 4, 1908; and Gerald, born June 13, 1910.

Mr. Sweet is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Harley W. Farver is a successful fruit farmer of North East and a member of a family that has long been identified with the history of Erie County. He was born at West Mill Creek, Pa., Dec. 20, 1868, and is the son of John D. and Lyda M. (Buseck) Farver.

John B. Farver, retired, is a Civil War veteran and for many years has ranked among the successful farmers of this section. He was born in Erie, Feb. 25, 1843, the son of John and Catherine (Butt) Farver. John Farver was born at York, Pa., in 1813. He was a cooper by trade but in later life engaged in general farming on the old Butt farm in Erie County. Mr. and Mrs. John Farver were the parents of the following children: Dan, deceased, was a Civil War veteran, having served with the 145th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and was wounded at Fredericksburg; Susanna, married Gilson Stone of North East, both deceased; Sarah E., married Conrad Ort of West Mill Creek, both deceased; Mary,

the widow of Thomas McKee, lives at West Mill Creek; Edward, deceased; and John B. Farver, father of the subject of this sketch.

On Feb. 25, 1868, John B. Farver was married to Miss Lydia M. Buseck, born at Erie, April 13, 1845, and the daughter of Clemens E. and Catherine (Zimmerman) Buseck, natives of Germany and Pennsylvania respectively. They were married in 1840 and were the parents of the following children: John C., born in 1842, died in 1919; Mrs. Farver; Edward E., born in 1851, died in 1921; Clemens, born in 1859, lives at Fairview, Pa.; Clarence W., twin brother of Clemens, died in 1871; George C., born in 1862, lives retired in Erie; and Cassie, the widow of John Sparling, 358 West 7th Street, Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Farver, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1918, seven children were born, as follows: (1) Harley W., the subject of this sketch; (2) S. Iona, born March 2, 1876, married May 1, 1902, to Edward M. Epp, furniture dealer of Erie, and they have two children: Herbert Verne Epp, born Nov. 25, 1903, a student at the University of West Virginia; and Bert E., born May 2, 1910, a student at Roosevelt Jr., High School, Erie; (3) John, born Oct. 29, 1879, connected with the Continental Rubber Company, Erie, married in 1905, to Sadie Butt, of Erie, and they have four children: Alice Marie, born March 4, 1906; Norman, born Jan. 28, 1910; Marion L., born June 17, 1919; and Elwood Butt, born Nov. 26, 1923, died in June, 1924; (4) Katie A., born June 14, 1871, died April 17, 1875, buried in Erie cemetery; (5) Estella, born Oct. 4, 1883, married June 11, 1921, to George T. Burger of Erie, and they reside with Mr. and Mrs. Farver; (6) Bert B., born Aug. 14, 1885, lives at Fairview, Pa., married in June, 1912, to Edith Pickett of Erie and they have three children: Clemens B., born March 21, 1913; L. Ione, born June 24, 1914; and John Burton, born Oct. 9, 1923; (7) Roy E., born April 7, 1889, lives in Erie, married May 29, 1910, to Edith Miller of West Mill Creek, born July 8, 1888, and she died July 4, 1911, leaving a daughter Evelyn L., born May 2, 1911, a student at Roosevelt Junior High School.

Harley W. Farver was educated in the public schools of West Mill Creek and in 1886 was graduated from Erie High School, and three years later from Clark's Business College. He immediately engaged in farming on his father's land and in 1895 came to North East. His home is located on the Buffalo Road.

In March, 1895, Mr. Farver was married to Miss Emma B. Parker, born at North East, Oct. 18, 1873, and a daughter of Z. and Nancy Jane (Caldwell) Parker. Mr. Parker was born at Davison, Mich., in 1838,

and his wife was born at North East in 1842. He was a leading grape grower of Erie County and a Civil War veteran. He died Feb. 22, 1915, and his wife died July 23, 1913. Mrs. Farver was educated in the public schools of North East and attended Edinboro State Normal School. To Mr. and Mrs. Farver have been born four children: H. Parker, born Dec. 24, 1899, married in June, 1923, to Anna Adler, and they have two children, Betty Jane and Harley Parker; Ruth Mary, born Dec. 20, 1901, married in November, 1923, to Haskell Miller, and they have a son, Elwood Miller; Helen Jane, born March 25, 1914; and Richard C., born Aug. 6, 1917.

Mr. Farver is identified with the Masonic lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the North East Club. He and his family are highly esteemed in their community.

Ralph Bemus McCord, postmaster of North East, is a veteran of the World War and one of Erie County's prominent young men. He was born at North East, May 30, 1890, and is the son of William F. and Florence (Bemus) McCord.

William F. McCord, deceased, was a successful farmer of North East Township for many years, operating a large fruit farm on the lake shore. He was a native of North East, his ancestors being among the first settlers in this region. His wife was a native of New York State, coming from the vicinity of what is now known as Bemus Point on Lake Chautauqua. Mr. McCord was a Republican and a member of the North East Presbyterian Church. He died in 1918 and Mrs. McCord died in the year 1908. They were the parents of three children, all of whom live in the vicinity of North East, Gertrude McCord Bostwick, John M., and Ralph B., the subject of this sketch.

Ralph B. McCord spent his boyhood on his father's farm and is a graduate of North East High School and of Cornell University, class of 1913. From that time until he entered the army, he engaged in the practice of his profession as a veterinary surgeon at North East.

On July 12, 1917, Mr. McCord was commissioned a second lieutenant and was stationed at Front Royal, Virginia. He served in a number of camps on this side and on May 14, 1918, he was ordered overseas from Camp Mills and was attached to the Fourth Division regular army. Shortly before being ordered overseas, Mr. McCord was married to Mary Elizabeth Lyons of Corry, Pa., who is the daughter of Cornelius W. and Eva

(Williams) Lyons, residents of Corry. Mr. and Mrs. McCord have no children. Mr. McCord participated in all the major engagements overseas and was commissioned a captain while in France. He served for several months with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

Politically, Mr. McCord is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Erie lodge B. P. O. E. He has been very active among the ex-service men in this section and is past commander of Lake Shore Post 105, American Legion and last year served as commander of Erie County Post 40/8, which is affiliated with the Legion.

On Sept. 15, 1924, Mr. McCord was appointed postmaster and is now serving in that capacity.

William G. Biebel, of Kearsage, is a successful and well known merchant of Erie County. He was born here in Mill Creek Township, July 31, 1875, and is the son of George and Mary (Schuwerk) Biebel.

George Biebel, deceased, was a native of Mill Creek Township, born Jan. 1, 1846, and the son of Daniel and Charlotte (Gintz) Biebel. Daniel Biebel was born in 1817 and in August, 1836, came to this country and settled in Erie. He died at Kearsage in 1909. George Biebel engaged in the mercantile business at Kearsage in 1872 and died in 1900. His wife, a native of McKean, Pa., was born in 1851 and died in 1913. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Biebel: A. J., lives in Mill Creek Township, was for a number of years connected with the National Cash Register Company as a salesman; Edward D., deceased, was a member of the firm of Biebel Brothers, Kearsage, married in 1903 to Rose McDowell, of Crawford County, and they have four children: Mary C., married Raymond Sawdey, lives at Kearsage; George J., Rose E., and John J., students; W. G., the subject of this sketch; and Amelia, married H. S. Countryman, lives in Erie.

W. G. Biebel was educated in the schools of Kearsage where he has spent his entire life, with the exception of a year spent in the south. He is engaged in the general merchandise business and conducts an up-to-date general store. He is also local agent for the Chevrolet automobile. For many years Mr. Biebel has been widely known throughout Erie County as a successful auctioneer.

On Jan. 1, 1915, Mr. Biebel was united in marriage with Miss Thora E. Wolf, a native of Mill Creek Township, and a daughter of L. W. and

Mary Wolf, residents of this township. Mr. and Mrs. Biebel have a daughter, Marian E.

Mr. Biebel is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Elks lodge. He has many friends throughout Erie County and the Biebel family has always stood high in the community.

Dr. M. M. Mszanowski, a prominent young physician and surgeon of Erie, was born in this city, Jan. 6, 1892, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Mszanowski, natives of Poland. Thomas Mszanowski came to Corry, Pa., about 1885 and later returned to Europe and brought his wife back to America and settled in Erie where he spent the remainder of his life. His widow now resides in Erie.

After attending school in Erie, M. M. Mszanowski entered college at St. Mary's, Mich., from which he was graduated in the class of 1912. Four years later he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. The following year was spent as an interne at St. Margaret's Hospital, Pittsburgh, after which Doctor Mszanowski established his practice in Erie. His office is located at 510 East 12th Street. He has been a member of the Hamot Hospital staff for five years.

On Sept. 28, 1921, Doctor Mszanowski was united in marriage with Miss Stephania Zywicka, and they have two children, Edwin and Irene.

Doctor Mszanowski is identified with the Erie County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Catholic Church, a director of the Lincoln Bank and Stanley Brothers' Furniture Company of Erie, Pa. He is an enterprising young man whose success in life is already assured.

St. Mary's College, North East. The congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C. Ss. R.), whose members are called Redemptorists, is a religious order of Missionaries, founded at Scala, in the Kingdom of Naples, in 1732, by Saint Alphonsus Maria de Ligouri, Bishop of St. Agatha and Doctor of the Church. The Redemptorists came to this country in 1832, and up to the present year, 1925, have founded 60 houses in the United States, Canada and Porto Rico. For many years the congregation in America had no institution to prepare new members for the order. The means taken to supply this want gave origin to the Preparatory College,

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now known as St. Mary's College at North East. In 1847 at Baltimore, the Redemptorists fathers sought to provide future members for the order by instructing a small class of boys, whose inclinations seemed to indicate a calling to the priesthood, and to the religious life. In 1856 this class developed into a day school for boys who felt inspired to become Redemptorists. In 1867 this day school was in turn formed into St. Alphonsus' Academy by the Very Rev. Provincial J. Helmpraecht. Rev. J. N. Berger was the first director of this academy.

In May, 1868, Rev. Joseph Firle succeeded Father Berger, and in the following July, Rev. Jos. Wuest was appointed Director. The latter is considered the real founder of St. Mary's Preparatory College. His energetic coadjutor was Rev. Thaddeus Anwander. They introduced a complete classical course of a regular college. For this purpose the garret of St. James' School at Baltimore was fitted up and opened on April 29, 1869, under the name of St. James College. In September, 1869, 48 pupils were present; the faculty was increased by the addition of Prof. August Messler, who taught at the college for 35 years, when death came unexpectedly, Aug. 18, 1904. In September, 1871, there were over 80 pupils on the roll. The next step in the progress of the college was its removal to Ilchester, Md., near Baltimore, where a large stone house had become the property of the Redemptorists. A frame building was added and both became known as St. Clement's College. In 1873 Father Wuest was relieved of the heavy burden as director of the college and was succeeded by Rev. Father Stuhl. The latter served to July, 1875, his successor being Rev. George J. Dusold. Rev. Joseph M. Schwartz became director in December, 1877, and during his term the college was removed to North East in 1881.

During the sixties there had been established at North East under the auspices of the Methodist Church, a seminary for the education of young people. The site chosen was on a part of the property of an old North East family named Hall, and lay on the northern limits of the borough. The building was begun in 1867, and the corner stone was laid in October, 1868. The erection of the institution cost $70,000.00, a sum too large for the Methodists to carry. The Presbyterians, therefore, joined them in the undertaking and for some years prosperity seemed to attend the institution. The Lake Shore Seminary was chartered as "a literary institution of high grade at which males and females may pursue and complete a course of study embracing English branches,

ancient and modern languages, mathematics, metaphysics, music, drawing, painting and the science and art of teaching." The Presbyterians soon became dissatisfied with the joint management and withdrew, after which the Seminary was so harassed by debt that it finally closed. The trustees at one time tried to get the United States government to take over the property and use it for an Indian school. Finally, the ground and buildings were sold, in satisfaction of the debts, to the North East Savings Banks. Meanwhile, the Preparatory College at Ilchester had reached the point where it demanded larger and better accommodations. The removal of the institution having been decided upon, a chance visit to Erie by one of the Redemptorists Missionaries, Rev. A. J. McInerney, brought the news about the desirable property at North East. The papers which concluded the sale of the buildings and five acres of land to the Redemptorist Fathers were signed Jan. 31, 1881.

With the opening of the first term at North East in August, 1881, the Preparatory College entered upon a new period of existence. This new period was inaugurated on Aug. 2nd by the solemn dedication of the building, the Lake Shore Seminary, henceforth to be known as St. Mary's College. The Preparatory College was no longer an idea, an experiment; it was an institution that had been taken up into the life and activity of the congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, of which it was now recognized as a necessary part. The nature and ideals of the institution had been stated by Father Helmpraecht, some ten years before and the objects and principles then laid down had been faithfully pursued. "The institute is to be of such a nature as to impart both moral and scientific training. The moral training is to imbue the scholars thoroughly with the spirit of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. The scientific training shall embrace the usual classical course and must be formally completed before a student can enter the novitiate. The first and most essential requirements for admission of students to the college are: that they have a sincere desire to become Redemptorists and that they give promise of future usefulness. The pupils shall be made to understand that all their learning, however necessary is little better than useless, if it goes not hand in hand with virtue."

The old seminary building was a two story brick structure, 168 feet long by 60 feet wide, with mansard roof and twin towers. The edifice presents practically the same external appearance that it did in 1881.

In the interior, however, the changes have been so extensive that scarcely a vestige of the old building remains. The surrounding grounds have also been greatly changed and extended. The original property of the College was increased in 1887, by the purchase of the Hall property some 12 acres, on the west side of Pearl Street, formerly the campus. A little later, during the same year, the Hitchcock property, east of the College, containing 2½ acres with a residence in the midst of a pretty grove was added to the ground. From 1887 to 1891, two lower classes of St. Mary's College formed St. Clement's College at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. When they returned to North East the accommodations became limited and in 1893 plans were made for the erection of a faculty building. The corner stone was laid Nov. 19, 1893, and in August, 1894, the new building was dedicated. In June, 1896, the Mills property, fronting on Lake and Seminary streets, was purchased. In 1900 an electric power house was erected. On June 25, 1901, the corner stone was laid for the College Chapel, a beautiful Gothic structure, built of granite with sandstone trimmings. The altars, statuary, windows, and the decorative work of the interior are products of the best artistic taste and work, and a source of constant inspiration to ecclesiastical students.

In 1884 the Superior of St. Mary's was raised to the rank of Rector and Father Schwartz, whose labors as Superior of the College, both before and after its removal to North East, entitled him to highest praise, was appointed its first Rector. He continued in this office during two terms until July, 1890, when he was transferred to take charge of a similar college in the Western Province of the Redemptorist Fathers at Kirkwood, Mo. Rev. August Dooper was the second Rector at the College and was succeeded in 1898 by Rev. Caspar Ritter. In May, 1901, Rev. John G. Schneider became Rector. Rev. Francis Auth was appointed Rector in May, 1904, and it was during his term that the Silver Jubilee of St. Mary's was celebrated. Scarcely had the Silver Jubilee of 1906 been celebrated when Superiors were again confronted with the necessity of enlarging the College. Plans were proposed to increase the capacity of the institution, from 140 to 250 students. These plans were finally realized in 1912 when two spacious wings, the height of the College, were added to the rear of the central building. These additions were made possible by previous purchase in 1911 of the field, some 50 acres to the rear and north of the College. This purchase, however, did not include

the Sam Irving property, some five acres, fronting on Lake Street, which land however finally came into the possession of St. Mary's College in 1924.

The Rev. Francis Auth was succeeded to the Rectorship by Rev. Henry Jung in 1912, the Rev. Richard Donohoe being appointed Director of the College. In 1915 Rev. Donohoe was vested with the double office of Rector and Director. In the spring of 1918 the Rectorship and Directorship devolved upon the Rev. John Beierschmidt, during whose triennium plans were matured for the erection of a spacious, commodious, up-to-date infirmary. It was, however, left to his successors to bring the project to completion. In the summer of 1922 Rev. Lawrence Jung was appointed Rector and Director, but owing to ill health resigned, and was succeeded in October, 1922, by the Rev. Louis Smith under whose first term of three years the infirmary, a structure of gray granite, was erected to the rear of the Chapel. It was also during this term that, Feb. 17, 1923, six Sisters of the Order of St. Elizabeth arrived from Germany, having generously offered themselves to care for the sick and to do the housework of the College. In May, 1924, Rev. Louis N. Smith was reappointed Rector and Director, and under his able guidance St. Mary's College still holds aloft on her hills the torch of learning and the Cross of Religion.

Cassius L. Alexander, mayor of Corry, is a leading citizen of Erie County. He was born in Wayne Township, Erie County, Jan. 24, 1875, and is a son of Robert Alexander. His grandfather, James Alexander, was born in Mercer County, where his parents located as pioneers.

Learning the carpenter's trade in Mercer County, James Alexander came to Erie County when a young man and after working there a few years as a carpenter settled in Wayne Township, where he was employed as a tiller of the soil until his death, while yet in manhood's vigor, in 1849. He married Clarissa Yeager, who was born in Wayne Township, Erie County, a daughter of Daniel Yeager. A native of Chenango County, N. Y., Mr. Yeager removed from there to Erie County, going with teams through the forests, part of the way following the path by means of blazed trees. Buying a tract of land in the timber he took possession of the cabin built by the former owner and at once began the herculean task of redeeming a farm from the forest. Industrious and enterprising, he succeeded well and in the course of a few years built a commodious frame

house on the turnpike leading from Waterford to Columbus, which although but a small village was the nearest market for farm produce. In addition to farming, he made shaved shingles, which he sold at prices ranging from $1.12½ to $2 per thousand. He lived on his homestead, esteemed and respected by his neighbors and friends until his death at the venerable age of 90 years. Mr. Yeager married Polly Pole, a native of Chenango County, N. Y., and she too lived to a good old age. Mrs. Clarissa (Yeager) Alexander died when 55 years of age, leaving six children as follows: Mary Jane, Robert, Daniel, Nancy, Clara and Alice.

Left fatherless when a boy, Robert Alexander began when young to assist his mother in supporting the family, and when 12 years old began working out as a farm hand, receiving at first three dollars a month wages, and continued thus employed until 25 years of age. Embarking then in business on his own account he at first rented land for farming purposes, meeting with all of the success that he had anticipated, he soon bought a tract of 50 acres of land, nearly one-half of which was under cultivation, and began its further improvement. He erected frame buildings, cleared the greater part of the land, and at the end of 15 years sold at an advance. He subsequently purchased another farm in Wayne Township, not far from his first purchase, and there resided 23 years, until 1905, when he moved to Corry. During that time he made improvements of an excellent character, building a brick house and a frame barn, his estate ranking as one of the best and most valuable in the county, his land being unsurpassed for richness and fertility. Robert Alexander married in 1862 Sarah M. Dutton, who was born at Otselic, Chenango County, N. Y., April 5, 1846, a daughter of John Dutton, a native of the same town. Richard Dutton, the great grandfather of Mr. Alexander, was born as far as is known, in Otselic, and was there reared and married. Later in life he removed with his family to Chautauqua County, N. Y., traveling in true pioneer style with teams, taking all of his household effects with him. One of the original settlers of Clymer, he bought a tract of heavily timbered land, and on the farm that he wrested from the wilderness, he spent his remaining years. In 1847 John Dutton, who was reared and educated in Chenango County, and there married, came to Erie County, bringing with him his wife and children and settled in Wayne Township. He bought land on which a small patch had been cleared and a log house erected, and began the arduous task of improving a farm. He began life there with a pair of oxen and one cow and but

little of anything else. Ambitious and courageous he prospered in his undertakings, clearing a good farm, and in the course of a few years replaced the humble log buildings with substantial frame ones. After occupying the farm a number of years he removed to Corry where he lived retired until his death at the age of 61 years. The maiden name of the wife of John Dutton was Mary Ann Raymond. She was born at Otselic, N. Y., a daughter of Lewis and Annia (Whitford) Raymond, and died at the age of 44 years. Four of her children grew to mature life, namely: Marcia, Laurancy, Darwin and Sarah M. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander reared seven children, namely: Mary A., John, Daniel J., Florence, Ward, Cassius L., the subject of this sketch, and Harry. Mr. Alexander, who was born Aug. 11, 1837, died May 9, 1923, and is buried in Corry cemetery. His wife died in February, 1925.

Cassius L. Alexander was reared and educated in Corry. In the fall of 1904 he was elected to the common council of the city of Corry and took office in January, 1905. In 1906 he was elected to the council at large and in 1909 was elected mayor of Corry, serving four years and nine months. In 1914 he was elected to the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania in the General Assembly, Third District. Mr. Alexander was again elected mayor of Corry in 1917 and re-elected in 1921. Like his father, he has always been a staunch Republican.

Mr. Alexander has a daughter, Margaret, who was born in Corry, Dec. 21, 1895. On June 16, 1920, she was married to Sydney B. Elston, a native of Corry, born Dec. 24, 1888, and they have a daughter, Martha Eleanor Elston, born Jan. 7, 1923. Mr. Elston is a draftsman in the employ of the Climax Manufacturing Company at Corry.

Mr. Alexander is a 32nd degree Mason and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Elks and Eagles. He has a wide acquaintance and has always been regarded both socially and in his business relations as a valuable citizen of Erie County.

Frank A. Shutts is a member of the firm of Shutts & Morrison, well known architects of Erie. He was born in this city, Jan. 9, 1887, and is a son of Charles A. and Barbara (Hanselman) Shutts.

Charles A. Shutts was born at Westfield, N. Y., and his wife was a native of Germany. He was an early settler of Erie and for a number of years was a foreman in the Pennsylvania car shops in this city. He died in 1894 and his wife resides in Erie. They had two children: Frank

A., the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Blanch Thompson, lives at 2108 East Avenue, Erie.

Frank A. Shutts has spent his entire life in this city. After completing his schooling he engaged in the building business to fit himself for the profession of architecture. Since 1909 he has engaged in the architectural profession. The offices of Shutts & Morrison are in the Marine Bank Building.

On June 8, 1911, Mr. Shutts was united in marriage with Miss Hazel Rettman, of Erie, and a daughter of John and May (Brower) Rettman, who live at 227 Scott Street, Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Shutts have two daughters, Violet M., and Beatrice H., both students.

Mr. Shutts is a Republican and belongs to the Elks, Moose, Lions, and Eagle lodges, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He served as a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard for three years. Mr. Shutts stands high in the community.

Frank Laurie, president of the National Bank of Corry, is a prominent citizen of Erie County. He was born in this city, March 12, 1863, and is the son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Gregory) Laurie.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Laurie, deceased, were natives of Scotland and early settlers of Corry. He was a farmer during his active career. There were three children in the Laurie family: George M., lives at Orchard Park, N. Y.; Mary, who lives with her brother in Corry; and Frank, the subject of this sketch.

Frank Laurie received his education in the schools of Corry and when a young man became interested in the hotel business. He was proprietor of the old Depot Hotel until it was destroyed by fire and later conducted the European Hotel, Corry. When the National Bank of Corry was organized Mr. Laurie was a member of the Board of Directors and later elected vice president. He has served as president since January, 1925.

In 1887 Mr. Laurie was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Workman of Canisteo, N. Y. She died in 1923 and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Corry. To Mr. and Mrs. Laurie were born three children: Frank A., Jr., a graduate of Corry High School and the University of Pennsylvania, where he is now a professor of languages, was married to Miss Ebbert of Philadelphia, and they have two children, Francis and Jene; Anna, a graduate of Corry High School, Pratt Institute, Columbia University and Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Mo., now superin-

tendent of the Nurses Association, Erie; and Raymond A., connected with the Ajax Iron Works, Corry, married Miss Merritt of Corry, and they have three children, Frank, Alton, and Mary.

Mr. Laurie is a Republican and has served as a member of the City Council at various times for 16 years. He belongs to the Elks lodge, Knights of Pythias and Rotary Club. The Laurie family is well known throughout Erie County and representative of the best citizenship of the community.

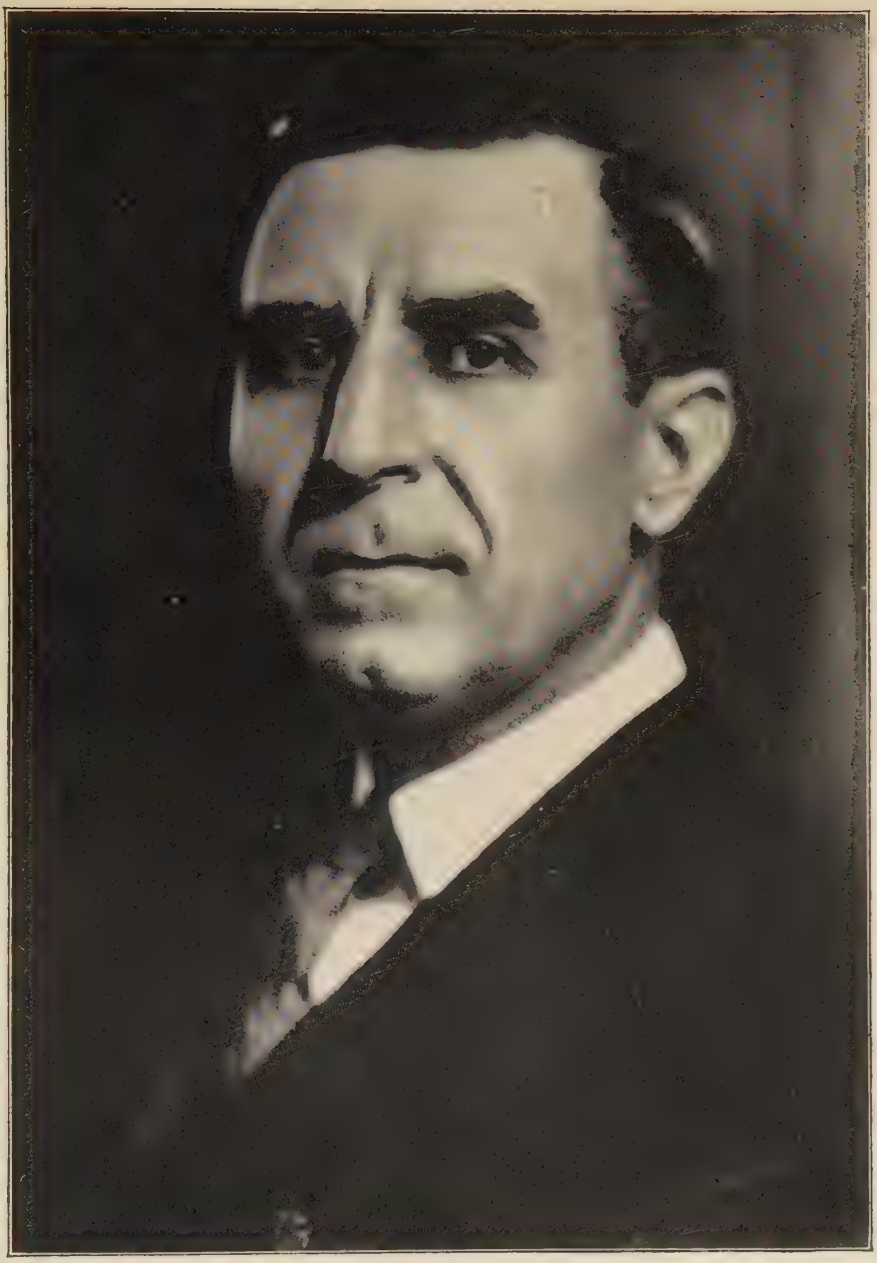
Frederick W. Sapper, president of the Bank of Wesleyville, is a substantial business man of Erie. He was born in this city, Oct 5, 1879, and is the son of John N. and Minnie (Miller) Sapper.

John N. Sapper, deceased, was for many years one of the leading business men and citizens of Erie. He was born here, Nov. 16, 1848, the son of Veit and Anna Dora (Kroph) Sapper, natives of Germany. In 1848 the Sapper family emigrated to the United States and settled in Erie. John N. Sapper was educated in Erie and when a boy learned the tinner's trade. He was employed by one firm for 25 years and in 1887 became a member of the firm of Mehl & Sapper, hardware dealers, at 1114 State Street. Mr. Sapper died in 1916 and his wife resides in Erie. They had one son, Frederick W., the subject of this sketch.

Frederick W. Sapper attended the public and high schools of Erie and his first business connection was as clerk for the R. G. Dun Company's local office. He later became interested in banking and served in various positions with the Marine National Bank of Erie, for eight and one-half years, after which he engaged in the manufacturing business. He then served as cashier of the Home National Bank, Union City, Pa., for several years, when he was appointed a traveling auditor of the Auditor General's Department of Pennsylvania, which position he now holds. In March, 1920, Mr. Sapper organized the Bank of Wesleyville, of which he is president. The other officers are: Benjamin F. Chambers, vice president; and John A. Carlson, cashier. Mr. Sapper is one of the directors of the Penn Art Steel Works of Erie.

Mr. Sapper has a son, Frederick W., Jr., now a student at Western Reserve Academy, Hudson, Ohio.

Politically Mr. Sapper is a Republican. He holds membership in the Park Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic, Elks and Eagles lodges, and the Chamber of Commerce. He has an extensive acquaintance in Erie County.



F. W. SAPPER

John Elmer Reed, the subject of this sketch and the author of this work, was born Feb. 27, 1865, in Millcreek Township, Erie County, Pa., in the log house where his father was born, on an eighty acre farm.

His ancestry is Scotch and English, the first of the families having entered America in the early part of the eighteenth century, settling in southeastern Pennsylvania. His great grandfather, Joseph Reed, was a captain of a company of the York County (Pa.) Militia of the Sixth Battalion, organized in 1776 composed of eight companies. The battalion was commanded in 1777-8 by Colonel William Ross, a relative of Joseph Reed from the same county. Mr. Joseph Reed was also a ferryman and tavern keeper on the Susquehanna River, owning a popular ferry below Harrisburg, as well as a large tract of land at that place.

Joseph Reed married Janet Ross for his second wife, having three children, Elizabeth, George and William. George Reed was born August 2, 1777, at the Ferry, and later married Miss Mary McCreary, a daughter of John McCreary and Rebecca (Clark) McCreary, whose farmstead was just across the river in Lancaster County. George Reed and wife removed to Millcreek Township, this county, in 1804, taking up an extensive tract of land in the Gore Tract, where they improved and resided until their deaths. They reared a large family on this farm: Joseph Reed, the elder of the children later marrying Jane Grubb, the daughter of Judge John Grubb of Millcreek Township, and settling upon the farm where our subject was born. These had three children, born in that log house: John Grubb Reed (father of our subject), George and Mary Alicia. J. G. Reed married Candace Eliza Blair, a daughter of John Wallace Blair of Girard Township, and Candace (Strong) Blair.

Joseph Reed, son of George, was born Jan. 1, 1807, in Millcreek Township. He married on Sept. 19, 1837, and died Sept. 17, 1844. His father, George Reed, married Feb. 28, 1804, and died April 6, 1857. John Grubb Reed was born on Sept. 27, 1838, married March 15, 1864, and died Nov. 7, 1923. Mary McCreary, wife of George Reed, was born Jan. 14, 1776, and died Dec. 19, 1859. Jane (Grubb) Reed, wife of Joseph, was born Feb. 25, 1810, married Sept. 19, 1837, and died Dec. 31, 1846. Candace Eliza (Blair) Reed, wife of J. G., was born Jan. 1, 1840, and died May 9, 1901.

John Grubb Reed and his wife Candace Eliza, had six children: John Elmer, the subject of this sketch, born Feb. 27, 1865; George Arthur, an Erie physician and surgeon, Feb. 27, 1869; Joseph Wilbur, March 27,

1871, married Sept. 5, 1901, died of tetanus April 3, 1910; Mary Ellen, Aug. 7, 1873, unmarried; Edith Jane, Sept. 16, 1876, married P. E. Carpenter, July 7, 1923; James Ross, a specialist in the eye and ear is located in Pasadena, Calif., born Feb. 24, 1880, married first Nina Katharine Blinn on June 1, 1910, who died Nov. 22, 1911, leaving one child, John Edmund, born Oct. 18, 1911; he married second Miss Margaret Violet Macey on April 30, 1914, and they have five boys.

John Elmer Reed attended the Millcreek public school in his own (the "Love" neighborhood), Edinboro State Normal 1882-3, 1883-4; Clark's Business College in Erie, 1884-5; taught the "Rohrer School" in McKean Township two years, and the "Zuck School" in Millcreek Township for three years; read law in the office of Hon. Emory A. Walling, in Erie for four years, assisting in the office work, and was admitted to practice in the Erie County courts June 28, 1895. During his reading of law he was married to Miss Elizabeth Cora Brown, of Hamilton, Ont., they having one son, Robert Cameron Reed, born March 27, 1901, in Erie. Our subject was for some years identified with the Erie Tool Works, helping to place that business on a substantial financial footing. He practiced law in Erie for some years, and later became the senior partner in the law firm of Reed, Wait & Spofford, with offices in the Masonic Temple in Erie. This firm has an enviable reputation in the district for fair dealing, and for an able presentation of its cases before the courts of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere.

Mr. Reed joined the Westminster Presbyterian Church at Westminster, west of Erie in early life; was active in its work, and in the work and organization of the young peoples' societies of the church, being the first president of the Lake Shore Union of the Christian Endeavor Societies of this county. On his marriage they removed to Erie, and joined the Central Presbyterian Church of that city, of which they and their son are now members. Mr. Reed and his wife are the owners of a popular lake-side summer resort ten miles east of Erie, known as Shorewood, where they have a large shore-side inn, picnic grounds, bathing beach and summer cottages, and where they have lived for the past six years. His son Robert is the manager of the inn. He is also the owner of lake side property in Girard Township, called Erie Lakeland, adapted to summer colony purposes. Our subject is the secretary of the Erie County Historical Society, and has contributed historical articles to the press from time to time; is the secretary-treasurer of the Weis Library, eight

miles southwest of Erie; is a member of the Erie County Bar Association, and of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association. Through his descent from Thomas Cooper, the father-in-law of Hon. John Grubb, he was admitted to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution on Jan. 3, 1924. He served for many years with Messrs. Joseph M. Force and Cassius L. Baker on the Registration Committee of the Erie County Bar Association, and until registrations were effected under the Supreme Court rules and examinations. His great grandfather, Hon. John Grubb, was the first American to come to the lake shore country, and to become a permanent inhabitant here. He was in command of a company of militia who arrived here from Pittsburgh in June, 1795, guarding the engineers who were laying out the future city from Indian attacks; he became a major, and later was an associate judge of our court when it stood in the park, being on the bench with the other members when Henry Francisco was tried here for murder; and was later one of the Commissioners of Erie County, the first justice of the peace in Millcreek Township, and a most prominent man in the county. He was here at the harbor with his soldiers when Seth Reed and family landed on their way from Buffalo. Mr. Grubb and his family were prominent members of the old First Presbyterian Church in Erie.

Walter K. Stow is a progressive business man of North East where he is extensively interested in the grape industry. He was born at Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 24, 1887, and is a son of William L. and Anna J. (Steele) Stow.

William L. Stow was born at Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1839. For many years he lived at Toledo, Ohio, where he was general freight agent for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. He died June 14, 1903, and is buried at Buffalo, N. Y. His widow resides in Erie.

Walter K. Stow attended the public schools of Toledo and Buffalo and was graduated from Cornell University in 1911. He immediately engaged in agricultural pursuits and purchased the farm of James L. Spoffard. Later he sold this land to Roy Strickland and now owns two farms of 110 acres each. He specializes in the raising of grapes and fruit and is interested in the Keystone Grape Cooperative Association. He is also vice president of the Stow Lumber & Coal Company.

On Feb. 17, 1916, Mr. Stow was united in marriage with Miss Margaret B. Jones, born at Pittsburgh, Sept. 5, 1890, and the daughter of

the late Dr. William and Hannah (Short) Jones. Dr. Jones was a leading physician of Pittsburgh. His widow resides at North East. Mrs. Stow was educated in Pittsburgh and attended Vassar College. Mr. and Mrs. Stow have a son, Walter K., Jr., born Oct. 19, 1916.

Mr. Stow is a member of the Presbyterian Church, the University Club of Erie, the North East Club and the North East Golf Club. He also belongs to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and the Scalp and Blade Society of Cornell University.

Dr. L. R. Umburn, one of the well known physicians of Erie County, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Albion for a number of years, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Indiana, Pa., April 14, 1885, and is the son of Joseph and Susie (Crum) Umburn.

Joseph Umburn, a native of Somerset County, Pa., was born in 1848 and now lives retired at Albion. Practically his entire life he was interested in the oil business. His wife died in 1913 and is buried at Waynesburg, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Umburn four children were born: H. C., born in 1876, superintendent of the Roxanna Oil Company of Oklahoma; Francis, born in 1880, a bookkeeper, lives at Fairmount, W. Va.; Edith Umburn, deceased; and Dr. L. R., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. L. R. Umburn received his early education in the public schools of Waynesburg and was graduated from high school there in 1903 and later from Waynesburg College. He received his degree as Doctor of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh in 1910 and after completing his interne work at Hamot Hospital, Erie, he established his practice at Albion, where he has since been located with the exception of the period spent in service during the World War.

Doctor Umburn enlisted in the National Guard of Pennsylvania in 1903 and served until 1911 as a member of Company K, Tenth Regiment, N. G. P. In June, 1917, he enlisted in the United States Medical Corps and was called into service on Aug. 27th and sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, where he remained for six weeks. He was then transferred to Camp Pike, Ark. He sailed for France as a member of the 87th Division and was promoted from lieutenant to captain in December, 1918, and in March, 1919, was made a major. Doctor Umburn saw active service in the war zone throughout the war and during the engagements at Verdun and the Meuse Argonne he was attached to the 80th Division.

In September, 1919, he was discharged at Camp Dix, N. J., with the rank of major. He is now a major in the Medical Officers Training Reserve Corps. Doctor Umburn is a member of the American Legion Oakley Cobb Post No. 567 of Albion and is past commander. He also is identified with the La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux of Erie.

In 1917 Doctor Umburn was united in marriage with Miss Marian Burns, a resident of Albion, now deceased. He was married in 1922 to Miss Ora Newton, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Doctor Umburn is a staunch Republican and belongs to the Elks lodge. He is identified with the American Medical Association and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. He has served as deputy county medical inspector and as deputy coroner of Erie County. As a physician and a citizen, Doctor Umburn ranks high in the community.

Clare Gordon Cherry, secretary and manager of the Albion Telephone Company, is a successful and representative business man of Erie County. He was born in Spring Township, Crawford County, Pa., Dec. 14, 1883, and is the son of Edward M. and Alice (Knapp) Cherry.

Edward M. Cherry is a prosperous farmer of Erie County and resides one and one-half miles northwest of Albion. He is a native of Wisconsin and his wife was born in Crawford County. They have six children: Claude N., a mail carrier, lives at New Castle, Pa.; Truman T., a farmer, lives with his parents; Grace, married George W. Breese, lives at Albion; Earl, lives at Conneautville, Pa.; Myron M., lives at Albion; and Clare Gordon, the subject of this sketch.

Clare Gordon Cherry spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in the public schools of Albion and attended Edinboro State Normal School. After several years as a teacher in the schools at Cherry Hill, Keepville and Tracy, Erie County, Mr. Cherry became interested in the electrical business at Albion, later going to North Carolina and New Orleans, La. In 1907 he returned to Albion where he was associated with Rogers Brothers, and later with the Erie Mutual Telephone Company. He was employed by the Erie City Iron Works for some time and in 1912 entered the employ of the Albion Telephone Company as a lineman. Two years later he was appointed manager and in 1921 was promoted to secretary and manager of the local concern. He is a director of the First National Bank of Albion and is chief of the fire

department, being appointed to that office in January, 1925. He has served as a member of the city council since 1921 and is a Republican.

In October, 1922, Mr. Cherry was united in marriage with Mrs. Sylvia (Laughlin) Eldridge, a native of Wexford County, Mich., born Aug. 12, 1887, and the daughter of C. C. and Ada (Brown) Laughlin, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Laughlin is deceased and his wife lives in Pennsylvania. They had two daughters: Mrs. Cherry; and Estella, born Nov. 28, 1880, married William Hodgkin, lives at Newberry, Mich., where he is engaged in the lumber business. By her former marriage Mrs. Cherry has four children: Gertrude Eldridge, born Jan. 10, 1906, lives with her mother; Leslie N., born Nov. 13, 1910, a student at Wellsburg, Pa.; Elsie M., born Sept. 1, 1913; and Fred L., born April 8, 1917.

Mr. Cherry is one of the dependable citizens of his community and is favorably known.

Chauncey V. Lick, who lives retired at Albion, is a worthy descendant of an old and honored family of Erie County. He was born at Edinboro, Jan. 3, 1859, and is the son of John L. and Eliza (Goodrich) Lick.

John L. Lick, deceased, was born in Erie County in 1830, the son of Aaron Lick, who came to Erie County during the early days. The former engaged in farming during his life and met with success. He died in Ontario, Canada, in 1873, and his wife, who died in 1914, was the daughter of Calvin and Hope Goodrich, who settled at Edinboro in 1836. To Mr. and Mrs. Lick the following children were born: W. S., born in 1849, died in 1917; Mary, the widow of William Surft, lives at Edinboro; Rosa, born in 1856, died in 1923, was the wife of Leroy Baker, who lives at Edinboro; C. V., the subject of this sketch; John L., born Feb. 1, 1861, lives at Albion; Nellie, born in 1865, married Dr. H. O. Gibson, a dentist, lives at Edinboro; Frank, born in 1868, lives at North East, Pa.; and two sons who died in infancy.

After completing his schooling in the schools of Albion, C. V. Lick learned the harness maker's trade, which he followed successfully for 48 years. In 1882 he established his own business at Albion and until the time of his retirement in September, 1924, conducted the largest harness and retail carriage business in this section. He was also a dealer in farming implements. In 1890 Mr. Lick also engaged in the undertaking business, but sold this interest in 1905. Before his retirement he served as vice president of the Citizens National Bank.

On Dec. 1, 1880, Mr. Lick was united in marriage with Miss Mary Dietz, a native of Conneaut Township, Erie County, born Sept. 9, 1859, and a daughter of Adam and Amanda Dietz, natives of Erie County. Mr. Dietz is deceased and his widow resides at Portland, Ore. To Mr. and Mrs. Lick were born three children: Milo Vernon, born April 6, 1883, lives at Wesleyville, Pa., is a World War veteran; Dr. Maxwell John, born Oct. 25, 1884, was graduated from Albion High School, Allegheny College and the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania, now engaged in the practice of his profession at 49 West Eighth Street, Erie, was married July 22, 1915, to Miss Mary E. McLaughlin, a native of Springboro, Pa.; and Florence Elizabeth, born July 19, 1887, was graduated from Meadville High School and the Meadville College of Music, was married June 14, 1910, to Elmer D. Loose, an attorney, lives at Erie, Pa.

Mr. Lick has served as a member of the school board and the city council for many years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge.

Walter L. Peake, attorney, of Corry, is among the representative citizens of Erie County. He was born at Wellsboro, Pa., March 7, 1883, and is the son of Frank C. and Ella (Close) Peake.

Frank C. Peake is a prominent farmer and stockman of Wellsboro, Pa., where he has spent his entire life. He is a Republican and has held several county offices. Mr. and Mrs. Peake have three children: Erwin, a merchant, lives at Wellsboro; Walter L., the subject of this sketch; and Luva, at home.

Walter L. Peake attended the public and high schools of his native town and is a graduate of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. The next four years he was engaged in teaching school, and studying law with Merrick & Young, attorneys, of Wellsboro, after which he practiced law at Knoxville, Pa., for five months. In March, 1912, he removed to Corry where he has established an excellent practice.

On Oct. 18, 1911, Mr. Peake was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Strang, the grand-daughter of B. B. Strang, at one time speaker in the house of representatives. Mrs. Peake was born at Westfield, Pa., and is the daughter of Francis D. and Alice (Tremper) Strang. Mr. Strang, who died Oct. 11, 1912, was a well known merchant of Westfield, where his widow resides. They were the parents of three children: Hugh B.,

attorney, lives at Westfield, Pa.; Grace, married Charles Crane, attorney, lives at Madison, N. Y.; and Mrs. Peake. Mr. and Mrs. Peake have one child, Walter Strang Peake, born Feb. 3, 1925.

Mr. Peake is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Elks lodge. He is a capable lawyer and is intensely interested in every movement for civic improvement.

Theobald M. M. Flynn, M. D., F. A. C. S., is a successful and well known physician and surgeon of Erie, where he has practiced his profession since 1914. He was born in this city, Nov. 26, 1875, and is the son of the late Thomas and Mary E. (Walsh) Flynn.

Thomas Flynn was born in Ireland, Sept. 29, 1829. He studied architecture in Dublin and after settling in Ottawa, Canada, was superintendent of the Ottawa Construction Company and was in part charge of the Dominion Parliament buildings in that city. In 1854 he came to Erie, where he became a leading architect and contractor. Among his outstanding works is the Pennsylvania Railroad stone bridge work from Philadelphia to Harrisburg by Sunbury, the Catholic Cathedral, and the O'Brien vault in Trinity Cemtery, Erie, Pa. He died Sept. 14, 1881. Mr. Flynn was prominent in politics in his time and served as select councilman five terms. He was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. His wife, who was born at Lockport, Erie County, Pa., Oct. 21, 1839, died Dec. 12, 1918. She was the daughter of James and Anna (Barrett) Walsh. To Mr. and Mrs. Flynn, who were married May 5, 1874, four children were born: Dr. Theobald M. M., the subject of this sketch; Thomas W., an actor, lives in New York City; James Patrick, a tobacco grower, lives in Spain; and Rev. John J., a priest, located in Brooklyn, N. Y.

After his graduation from Central High School, Erie, in 1893, Theobald M. M. Flynn entered the employ of the Scott Coal Company, where he remained 13 years. In 1911 he received his degree from the University of Pennsylvania as Doctor of Medicine. His interne work was done at the Philadelphia Lying In Hospital and he was also an interne at Children's Sea Shore House, Atlantic City, and St. Joseph's Hospital in that city. He spent several months doing sanitary survey work for the United States Public Health Service at Wilmington, Del., and in 1914 came to Erie. Doctor Flynn specializes in pelvic surgery and obstetrics and has

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taken post graduate work in Brooklyn, Boston, New York City and Chicago. He has been a member of Hamot Hospital staff for four years and a member of St. Vincent's Hospital staff for 10 years. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a Fellow of the American Medical Association, a member of the American Association for the Advance of Science, a member of the Clinical Society of Erie, and he also belongs to the Erie General Dispensary staff. Doctor Flynn is a skilled physician and surgeon and has an extensive practice.

On March 24, 1913, Doctor Flynn was united in marriage with Miss Clara E. Welsh, of Erie, born Feb. 1, 1888, and the daughter of John and Ellen Welsh, of Ireland. They have three children: T. M. M., Jr., born Nov. 26, 1914; John T., Born Nov. 18, 1917; and Patricia Claire, born May 21, 1919.

Dr. Charles B. Kibler, a physician and surgeon of Corry, Pa., is well known throughout the community both as a successful man in his profession and as an excellent citizen. He was born in Bucyrus, Ohio, and is a son of Fred and Eva (Hechtman) Kibler.

Fred Kibler came to this country from Germany when he was 12 years of age and located in Erie. He later removed to Bucyrus, Ohio, where he became a well known merchant. His wife was also a native of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Kibler, deceased, were the parents of 12 children.

Charles B. Kibler was graduated with honors from the Medical Department of the University of Buffalo in 1870, and soon afterwards located in Corry, where he later founded the Corry City Hospital. He served as a member of the board of education for 20 years, and as its president for 11 years. He was sent as a delegate by the American Medical Association to the International Medical Congress in Berlin in 1890, afterward spending some time in the hospitals of London, Paris, Berlin, Dresden, Munich and Vienna. For a number of years Dr. Kibler was president of the Association of Erie Railway Surgeons, and belongs to the County, State and American Medical Associations, the New York Medical Legal Society, the British Medical and the National Association of Railway Surgeons. Dr. Kibler performed the fortieth operation for appendicitis in America.

On Oct. 26, 1871, Dr. Kibler was united in marriage with Miss Kittie L. Palmer, the daughter of Dr. J. M. Palmer of Corry. Mrs. Kibler is deceased. To Dr. and Mrs. Kibler were born three children: Bertha C.-

who died in 1917; Florence Eva, married Joseph J. Desmond, banker, of Corry; and Dr. John C., who is associated in practice with his father.

Dr. Kibler is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge and Shrine, as well as the Rotary club and the Elks lodge. He is a capable, energetic and public spirited man, one whose life means much to his community.

Charles E. Danielson, president of the Corry Box & Lumber Company, is a highly esteemed and well known business man of Erie County. He was born in Warren County, Pa., June 16, 1872, and is the son of Louis Danielson.

Louis Danielson settled in Warren County, Pa., in 1860. He improved a large tract of land and became a successful farmer. He was a Republican and a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church. Mr. Danielson died in February, 1917. His widow resides at Chandler Valley, Pa. They were the parents of the following children: Charles E., the subject of this sketch; Theodore, deceased; Sophia, lives at Warren, Pa.; Alma, lives at Warren; Josie, married John Torson, lives at Warren; Arthur, a farmer, lives in Warren County; and Bennett, lives on the old homestead.

Charles E. Danielson attended the schools of his native town and in 1916 came to Erie County and located at Corry. He has always been interested in the lumber business and in 1921 organized a company of which he is now president. The Corry Box & Lumber Company handles building materials of all kinds and does a large volume of business in the county.

On Jan. 17, 1904, Mr. Danielson was united in marriage with Miss Georgia Rexley, a native of Pennsylvania. They have no children.

Mr. Danielson is a Republican, and he and his wife are well known in Erie County.

Clyde F. Brown, manager of the Corry Bridge & Supply Company, ranks among the substantial citizens of his community. He was born in Concord Township, Erie County, July 31, 1870, and is the son of Lorenzo and Othelia (Patterson) Brown.

Lorenzo Brown, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania. He followed farming and stock raising during his life and met with success. Mr. Brown was a Republican and served as road commissioner and school

director. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He died in January, 1914, and his wife died in May, 1912. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Earl, lives at Corry; Clyde F., the subject of this sketch Bessie, married Louis Kirsh, lives at Corry; Bertha D., the widow of Ira McCray, lives at Corry; and Lata, died in infancy.

Clyde F. Brown was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools of Concord Township. He began life as a traveling salesman and in 1909 was appointed manager of the Corry Bridge & Supply Company. This company builds highway bridges and handles road building machinery.

On Aug. 23, 1894, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Ora G. Young, who was born in Concord Township, April 1, 1874, and the daughter of William and Hannah (Heath) Young, both deceased. Mr. Young was a Civil War veteran and a leading farmer of Concord Township. There were six children in the Young family: Mella, Alton, Robert, Walter, and Belle, all deceased; and Mrs. Brown. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown two children were born: Harold L., born May 31, 1896; and Ralph W., born in 1900, died in 1916.

Harold L. Brown is a veteran of the World War, having served overseas for two years in the aviation service. He was married to Miss Florence Slatterly of Bradford, Pa., and they have two children, Robert and Joan. Mr. Brown is employed by the Corry Bridge & Supply Company as a salesman.

Clyde F. Brown is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is well known throughout Erie County, where he has always been esteemed as a man of progress, industry and initiative.

James P. Mead, a well known business man of Corry, who conducts the Corry Steam Boiler Works, was born in Corry, Oct. 19, 1873, and is the son of Michael and Bridget (Martin) Mead.

Michael Mead, deceased, was a native of Ireland and a pioneer of this section. In 1899 he organized the business now conducted by his son. Mr. Mead was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. He died in 1914 and his widow, who was born in Philadelphia, now resides in Corry. Mr. and Mrs. Mead were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, lives with her mother; James P., the subject of this sketch; Mary, married A. McCabe, a merchant of Erie; Anna, married John

Graham, lives at Oil City, Pa.; Margaret, married Edward York, lives at Oil City, Pa.; Theresa, married Arthur Runser, lives in Erie; Thomas, engaged in business with his brother, James P.; and Florence, at home.

James P. Mead attended the schools of Corry and when a young man entered his father's employ. At the latter's death he became manager of the business, which he has since conducted. The Corry Steam Boiler Works ranks among the city's well known enterprises and Mr. Mead is known as an enterprising and progressive citizen.

On Oct. 20, 1915, Mr. Mead was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Conway, a native of Union City, Pa., and the daughter of Patrick and Mary (O'Brien) Conway, natives of Ireland and early settlers of Union City. Mr. Conway was a well known hardware merchant of that section and died in 1904. His wife died in 1918. To Mr. and Mrs. Mead have been born four children: Mary, James, Thomas and John, all at home.

Mr. Mead and his family hold membership in the Catholic Church and he is identified with the Knights of Columbus. Their home is at 216 East Wayne Street.

Dr. Harrison A. Curtis, a successful and well known dentist of Corry, was born in Warren County, Pa., Oct. 25, 1882, and is the son of Nelson P. and Tirzah (Thompson) Curtis.

Nelson P. Curtis was a veteran of the Civil War and a prominent citizen of Warren County. He was a pioneer building contractor of that county and served during the Civil War with Company H, 10th Pennsylvania Reserves. Mr. Curtis was a Republican, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He died in July, 1923, and his wife died in December, 1922. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Cora, deceased; Anna, married I. C. Miller, lives in North Warren, Pa.; Frank, lives retired at Jamestown, N. Y.; Clyde, a building contractor, lives at Lakewood, N. Y.; Dr. Harrison A., the subject of this sketch; Amanda, deceased; and Mabel, married Dr. G. E. Bennett, deceased.

Dr. Harrison A. Curtis attended the public schools of Warren County and in 1909 completed his course at the University of Pittsburgh. He then practiced his profession at Columbus, Pa., and in 1910 located in Corry, where he has established a splendid practice.

On June 1, 1904, Dr. Curtis was married to Miss Grace E. Bennett, of Warren, Pa., and a daughter of G. W. and Ellen (Brownell) Bennett. Mr.

Bennett died in 1919 and his wife resides at Warren, Pa. They had four children: Dr. G. E., lives at Corry; Mrs. Curtis; Mildred, the widow of Dr. J. M. Hodges, lives at Corry; and Nellie, married Herman Burlingame, connected with the U. S. Radiator Company at Corry. To Dr. and Mrs. Curtis have been born three children: George Nelson, born in 1910, and Harrison Everett, born in 1918. One child died in infancy.

Dr. Curtis is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Elks.

Wilbur E. Wilson, agent for the Pennsylvania Gas Company at Corry, is one of the well known and successful business men of Erie County. He was born at Wrightsville, Pa., Feb. 8, 1875, and is the son of Robert and Sarah Jane (Lopus) Wilson.

Robert Wilson was born at Pittsfield, Pa., and was a pioneer lumber man of Corry, where he settled many years ago. He died in January, 1906, and his wife died in March, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were the parents of five children: Izra, died in infancy; Ella, died Feb. 1, 1921, aged 65 years, was the wife of L. C. Dalrymple; Mary, lives in Erie; Fred DeForest, died Aug. 16, 1902, aged 29 years; and Wilbur E., the subject of this sketch.

Wilbur E. Wilson received his education in the Corry schools and began life as a drug clerk. He was employed in the N. F. Ames & Co. store for one year, the R. C. Lindsey store for three years and then was connected with the Corry Chair Company for two years, was with Corry Artesian Mineral Water Company three years, and the Ajax Iron Works for four years. He then became connected with the Prudential Insurance Company in 1904 and one year later, in 1905, he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Gas Company as a bookkeeper. Since 1913 he has served as local agent.

On Sept. 17, 1906, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Miss Marie Amelia Dunn, who was born at Sheakleyville, Pa., July 25, 1879, and the daughter of Socrates Adam and Sarah (Richardson) Dunn, natives of Pennsylvania, now deceased. Mr. Dunn was a farmer in early life and later became a road contractor and was engaged in business with his sons, Wm. J. and Frank B. He died in June, 1899, and his wife died in January, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were the parents of eight children, as follows: William J., deceased, was the builder of the main sewer in Corry, having begun the work in 1891 and it was completed in 1895;

George, deceased; Laura, married Charles Ray, both deceased; Hettie M., died at the age of 29 years; Charles P., lives at Sharon, Pa.; Frank B., president of the Dunn Lug Brick Company of Conneaut, Ohio, and president of the Northeastern Oil and Gas Company at Conneaut; Mrs. Wilson; and Sarah Elizabeth, who died at the age of 20 years. Before her marriage Mrs. Wilson was a trained nurse, having graduated from Rochester Hospital, Beaver County, Pa. To Wilbur E. and Marie Amelia (Dunn) Wilson two children have been born: Sarah E., born Dec. 17, 1907; and Frank DeForest, born March 28, 1910, was drowned in Corry reservoir Sept. 11, 1920.

Mr. Wilson and his family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He has always taken a commendable interest in public affairs and community welfare and has a wide acquaintance in Erie County.

Miss Marion Skidmore, librarian in the Corry public library, ranks among Erie County's prominent women. She is a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y., and a daughter of Henry and Martha (Eaton) Skidmore.

Henry Skidmore was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., and in 1868 removed to Corry where he served as freight agent for the Erie railroad for a number of years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and belonged to the Masonic lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore are deceased. They were the parents of four children: Lillian, married Frank T. Babbitt, a druggist, lives in Erie; Marion, the subject of this sketch; Thomas J., and Edwin, both deceased.

Marion Skidmore received her education in the Corry public schools. She has many friends and the Skidmore family is one of the prominent pioneer families of Erie County.

George W. Patterson, who is successfully engaged in the insurance business at Corry, is a native of Missouri. He was born at Grandby, June 21, 1874, and is the son of Robert A. and Amelia (Bradley) Patterson.

Robert A. Patterson was a native of Scotland and his wife was born in England. When he was 12 years old he came to America and lived in Buffalo, N. Y., for a number of years. He was a pioneer in the oil fields of Pennsylvania and spent the last 30 years of his life in Corry. He retired in 1909 and is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Patterson eight

children were born, as follows: Robert A., engaged in the real estate business at Corry; Charles H., lives at Corry; Clara, died at the age of 20 years; George W., the subject of this sketch; James A., lives at Corry; Rev. Albert, lives at Miami, Fla.; Edith, married Howard J. Whitley, lives at Asbury Park, N. J.; and LeRoy, deceased.

George W. Patterson grew up in Corry and attended the public schools there. He began life as a grocery clerk and later served as local express agent for four years. Since 1920 he has been interested in the insurance business and has met with marked success.

On July 16, 1904, Mr. Patterson was united in marriage with Miss Katherine Miller, a native of Pennsylvania, born July 10, 1874, and the daughter of George P. and Elizabeth (Windsor) Miller, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Miller was a Civil War veteran and died in 1906. His wife lives with the Patterson family. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller the following children were born: Blanch, married Harry Alexander, both deceased; Miranda, teaches school in Chicago; Mrs. Patterson; and Richard W., deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have one daughter, Katherine G., born Sept. 8, 1911.

In politics Mr. Patterson is identified with the Republican party and he and his family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is known throughout the community as an upright and reliable citizen.

John A. Lanston, of Corry, is esteemed throughout the community as a prominent and successful business man. He was born in Corry, Oct. 17, 1885, and is the son of Arthur and Elizabeth (Hegrich) Lanston.

Arthur Lanston settled in Corry in 1884, where he has become a well known artist. He and his wife now live retired there. They are the parents of three children: John A., the subject of this sketch; Pearl, married Charles Edward Haskell, lives at Scranton, Pa.; and Edna, married Harry Davis, United States Narcotic Agent, lives at Philadelphia.

John A. Lanston was educated in the public schools of Corry and in 1909 engaged in the interior decorating business. He established his present business in 1919. He has an attractive shop at 34 North Center Street, where he deals in interior furnishings. Mr. Lanston has the contract for the interior decorating of the new Corry Hotel.

On June 25, 1913, Mr. Lanston was married to Miss Lottie May Rhoades, who was born at French Creek, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1883, the daughter of James and Emma (Coe) Rhoades, both deceased. Mr. Rhoades was a

Civil War veteran. There were three children in the Rhoades family: Frank, lives in Minneapolis, Minn.; Dana, a farmer, lives at French Creek, N. Y.; and Mrs. Lanston. To Mr. and Mrs. Lanston have been born two children: Elizabeth, born April 26, 1914; and Ruth, born May 5, 1915.

Mr. Lanston is a Democrat, a member of the Lutheran church and belongs to the Masonic and Elks lodges.

Dr. Elmer Hess, a leader among the younger and most progressive physicians and surgeons of Erie, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Millville, N. J., May 31, 1889, and is the son of Frederick and Mary (Theise) Hess.

Doctor Hess studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he received his degree in 1911. He then was appointed a medical officer in the United States Indian Service and was located in an Indian reservation for one year. Since 1912 he has practiced his profession in Erie, where he located at 11th and Peach Streets. In 1914 he removed to his present location at 501 Commerce Building. During the years 1914-15 he did post graduate work in the University of Pennsylvania, where he specialized in the study of urology.

During the World War Doctor Hess volunteered his services and was commissioned a first lieutenant at Fort Oglethorpe, where he remained until September, 1917, when he was sent overseas with the 2nd American Division. He participated in all the engagements of this division, including Verdun, Chateau Thierry, Pont-a-Mouson Sector, Soissons, St. Mihiel, Champagne, Argonne, and was a member of the American Army of Occupation in Germany from December, 1918, until March, 1919. He was commissioned a captain of the medical corps on Nov. 14, 1918, and was discharged from service at Camp Dix, April 1, 1919. His regiment as well as himself was permitted to wear the Croix de Guerre as a member of the 15 F. A., by order of the French Government No. 165 "F". He has received three personal citations from the American Government and an individual Croix de Guerre, order 13354, General Headquarters of the French army of the East. Doctor Hess resumed his practice in Erie in May, 1919.

In 1921 Dr. Hess was elected a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the same year was elected a member of the American Urological Association. He is urologist of St. Vincent's Hospital, the Erie Infants' Home, and the Erie General Dispensary. The year 1924 was

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spent in Europe, where Doctor Hess did post graduate work in leading hospitals. He is a member of the Erie County Medical Society, the State Medical Society, and a member of the American Medical Association, medical chief of the Erie Boys Club, as well as a director. He has been appointed a member of the Penn Governing Committee of the Gorgas Memorial Institute. He is a member of Rogers Israel Post, American Legion, Erie, Pa. He was the first commander and delegate to the National Convention held in 1919 at St. Louis, Mo. He is also an honorary member of Paris Post No. 1, American Legion, Paris, France, and the Girard Post, Girard, Pa., and La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux of Erie and is past grand chief.

On June 24, 1908, Doctor Hess was united in marriage with Miss Edna G. Africa, the daughter of Samuel and Celeste Africa, natives of Cumberland, Md. They have two daughters, Remle Hess, born in 1913, and Hope Hess, born in 1918.

Doctor Hess was the Republican nominee for mayor of Erie in 1919, but was defeated at the general election. He is a senior warden of the Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church of Erie and belongs to the University and Erie and Rotary Clubs. Doctor Hess has an extensive practice and is favorably known throughout the community.

Carlton W. Smith, manager of the Brownell Shoe Company at Corry, is among the well known and substantial citizens of Erie County. He was born at New Castle, Pa., July 3, 1890, and is the son of Henry C. and Ellmear (Pyle) Smith.

Henry C. Smith, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Lawrence County, Pa., June 29, 1844. He was a farmer during his life and met with success. In 1862 he enlisted with Company H, 134th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry., and the following year was discharged, but re-enlisted and served with Company B, 100th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was discharged July 24, 1865, after having taken part in many of the hardest fought battles of the war. Mr. Smith was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. His father, H. D. Smith, also served throughout the Civil War. On April 6, 1882, Henry C. Smith was married to Miss Ellmear Pyle, who was born at New Castle, Pa., March 30, 1849, the daughter of Isaac N. Pyle, who served as a captain during the Civil War with Company H, 100th Pennsylvania Volunteers. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith one child was born, Carlton W., the subject

of this sketch. By a second marriage Mrs. Smith had three children: Jessie Minton, engaged in the lumber business at New Castle, Pa.; Lenora, the widow of Sheridan Anderson, lives at Sharon, Pa.; and Phoebe Amanda, the widow of Orin C. Stimple, lives at New Castle, Pa.

Carlton W. Smith was educated in the schools of New Castle, and also attended New Castle Business College. He then engaged in farming for a short time, after which he entered the employ of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company, where he remained several years. He was later connected with the Driggs Seabury Corporation for three years, and in 1910, became connected with the Brownell Shoe Company, at Sharon, Pa. Two years later Mr. Smith was transferred to Corry to manage the local store.

On Nov. 26, 1913, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Alice May Sliney, who was born at Titusville, Pa., April 14, 1884. They have one daughter, Ellmear, born Nov. 8, 1919.

Mr. Smith is a Republican, a member of the Episcopal church and is a 32d degree Mason.

W. Ed Marsh, of Corry, is one of the widely known and successful attorneys of Erie County. He was born in Farmington Township, Warren County, Pa., Jan. 15, 1851, and is the son of William S. and Rosaville (Knapp) Marsh.

William S. Marsh was a native of Warren County, Pa. He improved 150 acres of land in Farmington Township and was one of the leading farmers and stockmen of that section. He was a Republican and held many county and township offices. He died Sept. 2, 1902, and his wife, who was born in Boston, died in 1911. They were the parents of four children: W. Ed., the subject of this sketch; Sherman, deceased; Fred S., a druggist, lives at Jamestown, N. Y.; and Carrie A., deceased.

W. Ed Marsh received his education in the public schools of Warren County and was graduated from Jamestown College Institute. He began the practice of his profession at Corry in 1879 where he has since been located. He served as mayor of Corry in 1888 and as city attorney for two years. He was also police justice for six years.

On Oct. 1, 1874, Mr. Marsh was married to Miss Mary S. Brown, a native of Warren County, born Oct. 20, 1854. She died July 9, 1889. On Oct. 1, 1890, Mr. Marsh was married to Miss Pearl E. Hoffman, who was born at Corry, May 11, 1869, the daughter of Philip and Mary (Wells)

Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman was a Civil War veteran and died Jan. 1, 1900. His wife resides with the Marsh family. Mrs. Marsh was their only child. To W. Ed and Pearl E. (Hoffman) Marsh two children were born: W. Lloyd, born Jan. 25, 1895; and Barrett H., born Sept. 27, 1902.

W. Lloyd Marsh was a graduate of Chamberlain Military Institute and during the World War served as a captain in Company A, 16th Pennsylvania Regiment. He died while in service on March 1, 1921, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Corry.

Barrett H. Marsh is engaged in the electrical business and resides in Corry. He was married to Miss Maxine Yarling and they have one child, Alice Joan, born Sept. 30, 1924.

W. Ed Marsh is a staunch Republican, a member of the Universalist Church, and past grand master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a reliable and efficient citizen of the community and has the esteem of his fellow citizens.

M. Agnes Cameron, who owns and conducts an art shoppe at Corry, is among the highly esteemed and widely known women of Erie County. She was born in New York, June 17, 1862, and is a daughter of Maxwell and Permelia (Simons) Cameron.

Maxwell Cameron was born at Hornell, N. Y., May 6, 1832, the son of Dugald and Anne (Taylor) Cameron. Dugald Cameron was born at Edinboro, Scotland, and came to America in 1818, locating at Hornell, N. Y., where he became an extensive land owner. He died in 1867 and his wife died the previous year. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and donated the ground on which the church now stands at Hornell. To Dugald and Anne (Taylor) Cameron, the following children were born: Dugald, James, Charles, Irwin, Lydia, married Hiram Haggedorn, Elizabeth, married Ev Chadwick, Maxwell, and Jane, all of whom are deceased.

Maxwell Cameron came to Pennsylvania in 1864 and located at Corry where he entered the employ of the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad. He was a Democrat and served as justice of the peace and tax collector. He died May 26, 1907, and his wife died May 21, 1917. On Aug. 20, 1855, Mr. Cameron was married to Miss Permelia Simons, who was born in New York, Aug. 10, 1838, the daughter of Charles and Jane (Commons) Simons, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of England. Mr. Simons served as a captain throughout the Civil War and died in

1867. His wife died in 1890. They were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Maxwell Cameron, Mary, George, Matilda, married Isaac Dey, Mattie, William and Charles, all deceased.

To Maxwell and Permelia (Simons) Cameron the following children were born: Dugald, born May 17, 1857, died Sept. 5, 1862; M. Agnes, the subject of this sketch; and Jennie, born July 14, 1871, married Fred Hoenes, wholesale and retail confectioner, lives at Corry.

M. Agnes Cameron was reared and educated in Corry and has been engaged in business there since 1894.

Miss Cameron is identified with the Democratic party in politics and is a member of the Episcopal church.

Vere E. Phillips is a veteran of the World War and a prominent young business man of Corry. He was born at Lockport, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1893, and is the son of Frank and Jennie (Le Gro) Phillips.

Frank Phillips, who now lives retired at Lockport, N. Y., is a pioneer miller of that place. He is a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Masonic lodge. His wife died June 7, 1914, and is buried at Lockport. There were three children in the Phillips family: Howard, deceased; Dr. Ralph, a dentist, lives in Detroit, Mich.; and V. E., the subject of this sketch.

V. E. Phillips received his education at Lockport and learned the jewelry business there also. In 1914 he was graduated from the Philadelphia College of Horology, and spent the next two years following his profession in South Carolina. In 1921 Mr. Phillips came to Corry where he purchased the jewelry business of James H. Wright. This is one of Corry's oldest business houses and Mr. Phillips has a well established trade. He carries a high grade line of jewelry, clocks, silverware, etc.

On June 7, 1917, Mr. Phillips enlisted in the World War from Jamestown, N. Y., and served with Company C., 302nd Field Signal Battalion. He was in service until July, 1919, and engaged in many important battles of the war, including Chateau Thierry and the Argonne.

On Oct. 28, 1915, Mr. Phillips was united in marriage with Miss Elesha Metcalf, who was born at Lockport, N. Y., April 7, 1893. They have no children.

Politically Mr. Phillips is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Masonic lodge. He is a public spirited and progressive young man and has many friends and acquaintances.

David A. Hillstrom, who is connected with the Corry-Jamestown Manufacturing Corporation as secretary and general manager, is among the prominent and successful business men of Erie County. He was born in Sweden, Feb. 3, 1877.

Mr. Hillstrom received his education in his native land and also attended technical schools in this country, having come here in 1900. He settled in Chicago but seven years later removed to Jamestown, N. Y., where he became manager of the Jamestown and Watson Mfg. Company. In December, 1920, Mr. Hillstrom organized the Corry-Jamestown Manufacturing Corporation. The Company also has offices in Chicago and New York and representatives throughout the United States as well as in Europe. The officers of the Company are: O. R. Hillstrom, president; Charles A. Anderson, vice-president; H. H. Keppel, treasurer, and David A. Hillstrom, secretary and general manager.

The Corry-Jamestown Manufacturing Corporation manufactures steel office furniture, filing cases, etc. They also specialize in built to order steel furniture of every description. An addition to the factory, costing $125,000, is now under construction.

On June 23, 1909, Mr. Hillstrom was married to Miss Clara Swanlund, a native of Princeton, Ill. They have three children: Armour, born at Jamestown, N. Y., in 1916; Clare, born at Corry, in 1920; and Mary Helene, born at Corry in 1922.

In politics Mr. Hillstrom is identified with the Republican party. He is president of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the school board and the local hospital board. Mr. Hillstrom belongs to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and is among the leading and representative citizens of his community.

Frank L. Weeks, a well known and highly esteemed business man of Corry, is a native of Ohio. He was born at Painesville, Oct. 21, 1857, and is a son of Seth and Debra (Blydenburg) Weeks.

Seth Weeks was a native of Long Island and at an early date removed to Painesville, Ohio. In 1866 he located at Corry where he spent the remainder of his life. Mr. Weeks served throughout the Civil War with the 105th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was a Republican, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and belonged to the Universalist church. To Mr. and Mrs. Weeks the following children were born: William, deceased; Dr. John E., an eye, ear and throat specialist, lives in New York

city; Frank L., the subject of this sketch; C. E., lives retired at Corry; Albert, deceased; Harry L., deceased; and Mary Debra, the widow of Chapin Paddock.

Frank L. Weeks grew up in Corry and attended the schools there. When a boy of eleven years he began learning the painter's trade and since 1889 has owned a shop at Corry. Mr. Weeks is a decorating and painting contractor and during his long period of service in Corry has established a fine business.

On Jan. 16, 1874, Mr. Weeks was married to Miss Elizabeth Cook, a native of Panama, N. Y., and the daughter of Ebenezer Cook, who was a prominent citizen and politician of that section of New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Weeks were born four children, as follows: Minnie, married Frank Bogart, insurance, Warren, Pa.; Hazel D., at home; Dr. Webb W., who practices his profession in New York city, mention of whom is made below; and Margaret, married Richard G. Dawson, wholesale grocer, lives at Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks have six grand-children.

Dr. Webb W. Weeks is a veteran of the World War. He enlisted at Bellevue, N. Y., as a first lieutenant, and served throughout the war in the medical corps. He spent 14 months in France and at the time of his discharge had received the rank of major.

Mr. Weeks is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Masonic and Elks lodges. He is known for his integrity and his family is among the representative citizens of Erie County.

Milton Spaulding is a progressive young business man of Erie County. He is the authorized Ford dealer of Corry. He was born at Keetsville, Pa., June 17, 1894, and is the son of Ira and Caroline (Campbell) Spaulding.

Ira Spaulding, who now lives retired at Ashtabula, Ohio, is a native of Albion, Pa. He was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad as a carpenter for many years. He is a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife died Aug. 1, 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding were the parents of the following children: Rex, died at the age of 11 years; Milton, the subject of this sketch; Cecil, lives at Hubbard, Ohio; and Sherman, at home.

Milton Spaulding received his education in the public schools of Ashtabula and began life as a railroader, being in the employ of the Bessemer

Railroad for six years. Since August, 1920, he has had the Ford agency at Corry. He has an attractive salesroom and one of the up to date garages of the community. He handles accessories and does general repair work. There is also a gasoline and oil service station in connection with the business.

On Nov. 11, 1918, Mr. Spaulding was married to Miss Mabel Forbes, a native of Albion, Pa., born May 8, 1899, and a daughter of C. R. and Olive (Randall) Forbes, residents of Albion, and the parents of the following children: Jay, was killed in a railroad accident; Ray, mention of whom is made below; and Mrs. Spaulding. To Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding one child has been born, Lillian, born Aug. 1, 1920.

Ray Forbes met a tragic death on Aug. 17, 1920, while driving a Fordson tractor. At the time of his death he had the Ford agency at Corry, which is now operated by Mr. Spaulding. Mr. Forbes was a World War veteran, having served overseas as a first sergeant.

Mr. Spaulding is a Republican, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Thomas Jensen, a substantial business man of Corry, is a native of Denmark, born Nov. 26, 1850, and the son of Jonas and Jane (Bestid) Jensen, natives of Denmark and both now deceased. There were two children in the Jensen family: Thomas, the subject of this sketch; and Jonas, deceased.

Thomas Jensen was reared and educated in his native land and in 1881 came to America. He located at Corry, where he received employment in a tannery. Later he was a stone cutter and worked on the erection of the local Presbyterian church. Mr. Jensen has been engaged at his present work as building contractor since 1899. He has erected a number of residences in Corry and is well known throughout the county.

On Nov. 6, 1874, Mr. Jensen was united in marriage with Miss Dorothy Worm, a native of Denmark, born March 4, 1854, and the daughter of Henry Worm, a pioneer settler of Corry, where he died in 1909. There were five children in the Worm family, as follows: John B., lives at Hamilton, Ohio; Mrs. Jensen; Hanna, died in 1922; Jacob, lives in Denmark and is engaged in the creamery business; and Charlotte, married Jonas Jensen, deceased, and later married M. Robertson, lives at Warren, Pa. To Thomas and Dorothy (Worm) Jensen nine children have been born, as follows: Henry, born in Denmark, lives at Erie; Theodore, born

in Denmark, has lived in Florida since 1915; John, born at Corry, civil engineer, lives at Bridgeport, Conn.; Joseph, lives at Jamestown, N. Y.; Hanna, married Rev. W. Montgomery, lives in Syracuse, N. Y.; Lena, married Marshall Merrick, lives at Erie; and the other three children are deceased. On Nov. 6, 1924, Mr. and Mrs. Jensen celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They have 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild. The Jensen home is located at 322 East Street.

Mr. Jensen is a Republican and a member of the Christian Alliance Church, of which he is a deacon, chairman of the board of trustees and treasurer. He is an energetic man who stands well in the esteem of his many friends and acquaintances.

A. M. Thomas, who is successfully engaged in the milling business at Westminster, is a member of one of Erie County's oldest families. He was born in Mill Creek Township, Erie County, Nov. 7, 1858, and is the son of Christian and Nancy (Miller) Thomas.

Christian Thomas was born in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1817, the the son of Christian Thomas, who brought his family to Mill Creek Township in 1833. They settled on a farm of 200 acres, which was owned by the Thomas heirs until 1914, when they sold the place. Christian Thomas, father of the subject of this sketch, learned the wheel wright trade, making spinning wheels for flax and wool and sold them to the early settlers. He later engaged in the milling business and in his last active years was a miller. Mr. Thomas died in 1896 and his wife died in 1886. She was also a native of Lancaster County, Pa., and settled in Erie County with her parents in 1827. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were born four children: Sarah Ann, deceased; Mary Jane, deceased; L. C., lives in Louisiana; and A. M., the subject of this sketch.

A. M. Thomas was reared and educated in Mill Creek Township and began life as a farmer. In 1914 he purchased the mill from the Pure Food Canning Company, which he operated until 1920. He then was appointed manager of the Girard Canning Company of Girard, Pa., and two years later returned to his farm. In 1923 Mr. Thomas again purchased the mill from P. M. Nelson. He deals in flour, feed, coal and cement, and does a large volume of business throughout the county.

On Jan. 1, 1880, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Katie L. Schumacker, Fairview, Pa., the daughter of John and Catherine (Gornfloe) Schumacker, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have a son, Burton

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E., who is engaged in the milling business with his father. He was married to Miss Nettie Mae Brown, of Mill Creek Township, and they have three children, Ethel Mae, Jeanette, and Amos Richard.

Mr. Thomas is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Asbury, Pa., and he has served as Sunday School superintendent for 16 years. He is a progressive and enterprising citizen and the Thomas family are representative people of Erie County.

Oliver Casler, retired, is a veteran of the Civil War and a highly esteemed citizen of Erie County. He was born at Sherman, N. Y., July 10, 1845, and is the son of Abraham and Maria (Clute) Casler.

Abraham Casler was born in Montgomery County, N. Y., July 16, 1800, and in 1833 removed to Sherman, where he improved 125 acres of land and became a successful farmer and stockman. He died Feb. 21, 1852; his wife was born in 1804 and died Oct. 28, 1894. They were the parents of the following children: Ellen, married Robert Wallace, deceased; Abraham, deceased; Matilda, married Henry Bowen, who was killed during the Civil War, and she is deceased; Robert, deceased; Peter, a Civil War veteran, now lives retired at Sherman, N. Y.; John, a Civil War veteran, died in 1902, in Michigan; Jacob, a Civil War veteran, deceased; Oliver, the subject of this sketch; and Rachel, married Francis Ellis, both deceased.

Oliver Casler received his education in a log school house at Waite's Corners, near Sherman, N. Y. At the age of 16 years he was employed as a farm hand and earned four dollars per month. When he was 18 years of age, Mr. Casler enlisted at Cleveland, Ohio, in the 124th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and 16 days after his enlistment took part in the battle of Chickamauga, in which he was wounded. He later took part in the battle of Missionary Ridge, and many other important battles and skirmishes of the war. He was discharged at Nashville, Tenn., in 1865. Mr. Casler then went to Warren County, Pa., where he operated a saw mill. He later engaged in farming and stock raising and became an extensive grain farmer. In 1918 he removed to Corry where he now resides.

On June 10, 1866, Mr. Casler was united in marriage with Miss Emma Carrier, a native of Warren County, Pa., born April 18, 1848, and a daughter of George and Julia (Carley) Carrier, who were the parents of the following children: Burton; Ella, the widow of George Morrison, lives at Waterford, Pa.; Eva, deceased; Byron, lives in Erie County; and Mrs.

Casler. To Oliver and Emma (Carrier) Casler were born five children, as follows: George Abraham, died in infancy; William H., born Feb. 18, 1869, a building contractor, lives in Corry; Rachael May, born Dec. 26, 1870, married Charles De Jens, and she died in 1921; Mira, born May 24, 1875, married Frank Swartz, lives in Warren County, Pa.; and Leona, born March 1, 1883, married Jay Richerson, grocer, lives at Corry. Mr. Casler has seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

In politics Mr. Casler is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republis. This post was organized July 1, 1867, and has never missed holding a regular meeting and the last meeting was the 3001st.

Charles L. Mather, now living retired at Corry, is one of the oldest pioneer citizens of Erie County. He was born in Chatauqua County, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1831, and is the son of Francis W. and Mary (Tillottson) Mather.

Francis W. Mather was a native of New London, Conn., and the son of Nathaniel Mather, who served throughout the Revolutionary War. At an early age Francis W. Mather removed to Chatauqua County, N. Y., where he engaged in general farming and stock raising. He was also a carpenter and built several saw mills in that county. He died Dec. 29, 1870, and his wife, a native of Chenango County, N. Y., died Feb. 18, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Mather had three children: Nathaniel Oliver, deceased; Charles L., the subject of this sketch; and George A., lives retired on the old homestead in Chatauqua County.

Charles L. Mather attended school in a log school house and when a boy learned the carpenter's trade with his father. He later became a railroad carpenter in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad and in 1848 removed to Pennsylvania, locating at Crossingville, Crawford County. In 1861 he removed to Corry and in 1876 to Oil City, Pa. However, in 1879 he returned to Corry and has since resided at 332 West Washington Street.

On March 29, 1857, Mr. Mather was united in marriage with Catherine Nash of Crossingville, Pa., born Sept. 3, 1835, and the daughter of Michael and Mary (Callahan) Nash, natives of Ireland and early settlers of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Mather died Sept. 5, 1906, and is buried in St. Elizabeth's cemetery, Corry. To Mr. and Mrs. Mather the following children were born: Margaret Maria, lives in Chicago, where she is assistant superintendent of the Scanlon schools; Eleanor, the widow of R. F. Livermore,

lives in Corry; Una, married C. F. Cronin, lives in Chicago, and they have a son, C. F. Cronin, Jr.; and M. Lena, a school teacher, resides in Corry with her father.

Mr. Mather is a staunch Republican and has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since he was 21 years old. He is well known and highly respected throughout the community, where he has spent so many years.

Jacob Franz, retired, has for many years been a prominent and successful business man of Corry. He was born in Germany, Oct. 16, 1840, and is the son of Casper and Barbara (Alberstadt) Franz.

Casper Franz was born in Germany in 1811 and died in 1843. His wife was born in Germany, Sept. 7, 1813, and died in 1890. They were the parents of three children: Fred, lives in Erie; Jacob, the subject of this sketch; and Catherine, the widow of James Carney, lives in Erie.

Jacob Franz came to America from his native land in 1852 and located in Erie, where he worked at his trade of cabinet maker. Nov. 12, 1862, he located at Corry where he engaged in the undertaking and furniture business. He is one of Erie County's pioneer furniture dealers and was actively engaged in business until 1911. The Franz Furniture Company is now conducted by his sons.

On Oct. 11, 1870, Mr. Franz was united in marriage with Miss Theresa Barron, a native of Erie County, born March 16, 1851, and the daughter of Valentine and Margaret (Hepburn) Barron, natives of Germany, who settled in Erie County in 1835. There were seven children in the Barron family as follows: Jane, married William Pepper, both deceased; Anthony, deceased; Peter Jacob, lives retired at Fairview, Pa.; Thomas; Mrs. Franz; Margaret, the widow of Edward McLaughlin; and William, lives at McKane, Pa. To Jacob and Theresa (Barron) Franz were born four children, as follows: Jennie Margaret, born Oct. 24, 1871, married Joseph Speisman, lives at Corry; Casper Frederick, born Jan. 17, 1874, engaged in the furniture business at Corry; Leo T., born May 4, 1882, has been employed in the postoffice at Corry for 22 years; and Leonard H., born June 9, 1887, also engaged in the furniture business at Corry. Mr. and Mrs. Franz have nine grandchildren.

Mr. Franz is a Democrat and served as a member of the council for nine years. He and his family hold membership in the Catholic church and are well and favorably known in Erie County.

Guy S. Riley ranks among the enterprising and successful business men of Corry, where he is engaged in the electrical business. He was born at Springville, N. Y., in 1885, and is the son of William and Jennie (Sherman) Riley.

William Riley was a native of Pennsylvania and an early settler of Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Riley, deceased, were the parents of the following children: Guy S., the subject of this sketch; Clinton and Lawrence, who were reared in a Cleveland orphanage and later adopted by families in that city. Mr. Riley has been searching for these brothers for a number of years, but thus far has been unable to locate them. A sister, Hazel, died in infancy.

Guy S. Riley received his education in Buffalo, N. Y., and when a boy manifested great interest in electrical work. He followed this trade in Albany and Buffalo for several years and in May, 1924, located at Corry, where he and his wife conduct an up-to-date electrical store. They handle radios and supplies and Mr. Riley does general electrical work. The business is known as Riley & Riley and is located on Center Street.

In 1918 Mr. Riley was married to Miss Gladys Iona Mumford, a native of New York, born Dec. 6, 1901, and the daughter of Otto and Martha (Kepphardt) Mumford. Mr. Mumford lives in Buffalo. His wife died in 1904. They were the parents of two children: Mrs. Riley; and Norma who lives in Buffalo. To Mr. and Mrs. Riley have been born three children: Guy S., Jr., born May 9, 1919; Dorothy, born in 1921; and Clinton L., born in 1924.

In politics Mr. Riley is identified with the Republican party. He and his wife stand high in the community and already have a wide circle of friends.

Walter H. Merrick, who has the agency for the Studebaker Corporation at Corry, is among Erie County's most substantial and enterprising citizens. He was born at Shamburg, Pa., April 23, 1877, and is the son of Austin W. and Mary (Haynes) Merrick.

Austin W. Merrick, deceased, was a Civil War veteran, having served with the 111th Pennsylvania V. I., and was a prominent citizen of Corry, Pa. He was born in Pleasantville, Pa., and for a number of years was a well-known oil operator in that section. After removing to Shamburg, he served as postmaster for a number of years. He was a life-long Republican and a member of the G. A. R. He died March 11, 1916. His wife

died March 8, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Merrick had five children; Grace, deceased; Walter H., the subject of this sketch; Nellie A., and Elizabeth, both at home; and Marshall R., living at Erie.

Walter H. Merrick attended the public schools of Corry and when a young man engaged in the milling business with his father, later purchasing the business. In 1912 he became the local distributor for the Studebaker line. He has an up-to-date salesroom and a modern, well equipped garage, in connection with carrying a complete line of automobile accessories, and renders exclusive service to Studebaker owners, far and near.

August 24, 1911, Mr. Merrick was united in marriage with Miss Helen E. Spiesman, a native of Corry, born on Jan. 18, 1888, the daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Kneib) Spiesman; the former a native of Germany, and the latter of Erie.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrick have three children; Helen Grace, born May 20, 1913; John A., born May 3, 1916; and William R. Born June 3, 1919.

Mr. Merrick is a Republican; a member of the Episcopal church, belongs to the Masonic Lodge; the Chamber of Commerce; Kiwanis Club; and other local organizations.

George Nollanger, who now lives retired at Corry, is among the interesting pioneers of Erie County. He was born in France, Sept. 29, 1829, and is the son of David and Mary (Higley) Nollanger.

David Nollanger was a native of France and an early settler of New York. He removed to Corry at an early date, but later lived at Warren, Pa., where he died. There were three children in the Nollanger family: George, the subject of this sketch; Joseph and Anthony, both deceased.

George Nollanger came to America on June 11, 1852, and ten years later came to Corry, where he established the first barber shop. His shop was located on the present site of the Citizens National Bank and was among the first business places of the town. Mr. Nollanger retired from business in 1899, and has since lived retired. Among his well known customers of the early days he remembers P. T. Barnum, the famous circus man. The first man that Mr. Nollanger shaved in Erie County was James Patterson, in a saloon.

On Oct. 24, 1865, Mr. Nollanger was united in marriage with Miss Mary Burres, who was born in Switzerland, Feb. 18, 1841, and the daughter of Ewing and Mary Burres, early settlers of Geneva, N. Y. There

were three children in their family: Elizabeth, died in 1921; Mrs. Nollanger; and Ida, deceased. To George and Mary (Burres) Nollanger eight children were born, as follows: Valentine, lives at Corry; Ida, married Charles Henryetta, lives at Meadville, Pa.; Joseph, lives in Chicago; Elouise, lives at Westfield, Pa.; Anna, deceased; George, engaged in the wallpaper business at Erie; Leo, lives at Franklin, Pa.; and Arthur, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Nollanger have five grandchildren.

Mr. Nollanger is a staunch Democrat and a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. He is a citizen who holds the high regard of the entire community.

Emmett M. Putman is a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Erie County. He is engaged in the milling business at Corry. Mr. Putman was born in Warren, Pa., Sept. 17, 1850, and is a son of Valentine and Martha (Mackres) Putman.

Valentine Putman was a native of Boston, Mass., and the son of Edson Putman, who was among the first settlers of Pennsylvania. Valentine Putman engaged in dairy farming during his life and moved to Corry at the time it was settled. His wife was a native of Vermont. To Mr. and Mrs. Putman the following children were born: Emmett M., the subject of this sketch; Edson and Albert, both deceased; Alice, married Charles Ripley, and they are both deceased; Winifred, the widow of Albert Johnson, lives at Spring Creek, Pa.; Grant, deceased; and William, lives at Jamestown, N. Y.

Emmett M. Putman received his education in a log school house and began life as a teacher at Corry, after having attended Chamberlain Institute at Randolph, N. Y. After four years he became associated with a local milling concern, owned by Aaron W. Francis. In 1896 he purchased a half interest in the mill and ten years later became sole owner. Mr. Putman is one of the leading millers of this section and ships his products all over the country. He has been interested in this business for 53 years.

On Feb. 17, 1874, Mr. Putman was united in marriage with Miss Lucina Pierce, a native of North East, Pa., born Aug. 13, 1847, and the daughter of Arnold Y. and Wealthy (Austin) Pierce, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Canada. To Mr. and Mrs. Pierce the following children were born: Delphine, married John Higgins, deceased, and she resides at North East, Pa.; Byron, a Civil War volunteer, who was

killed during the battle of Fredericksburg; Sylvador, deceased, was a Civil War veteran; Mrs. Putman; and Ephriam, deceased. To Emmett M. and Lucina (Pierce) Putman one daughter was born, Cora, born Nov. 30, 1878, was married on June 20, 1904, to William Parker, who is engaged in the milling business at Columbus, Pa. They have two children: Esther, born in 1909; and Emmett, born in 1913.

Mr. Putman is a Republican, a member of the Methodist church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has always been an energetic man who stands well in the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

Ellis E. Harvey, a well known business man of Corry and substantial citizen of Erie County, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Wayne Township, Erie County, March 10, 1884, and is the son of Edward James and Emma (Fitch) Harvey.

Edward James Harvey, a leading agriculturist of Wayne Township, is the son of James H. Harvey, who came to this country from England and settled here during the early days. Mr. Harvey owns and operates 150 acres of land on the state road in Wayne Township, and is an extensive grain farmer and stockman. He is a member of the Christian church and has served as Sunday School superintendent for a number of years. To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey were born eight children, as follows: Grace, married E. P. Waltz, lives in Wayne Township; Gertrude J., married Alton Crosscut, lives in Wheelock Township; Ellis E., the subject of this sketch; Frank, a teacher, lives in Wayne Township; Iva, married Merrill Waters, lives at Clymer, N. Y.; Paul, lives at Wheelock, Pa.; Florence, married Hobart Herline; and Carlisle, a veteran of the World War, connected with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, at Toledo, Ohio.

Ellis E. Harvey attended the schools of Wayne Township, and when a young man became associated with H. W. Parmalee, cement contractor, of Corry. In 1904 he purchased the business, which he has since conducted in a successful manner.

On Dec. 25, 1905, Mr. Harvey was married to Miss Anna Spencer, a native of Crawford County, Pa., born Oct. 10, 1888, and the daughter of E. O. and Electa (Miller) Spencer, residents of Wayne Township, and the parents of the following children: Alton C., lives in California; May, married Marshall Miller, lives at Spartansburg, Pa.; LaVerne, lives at Seattle, Wash.; Lulu, at home; Edith, married George Conright, lives at

Corry; Mrs. Harvey; Lillian, married Ray Holley, lives at Corry; and LeRoy, lives at Rochester, N. Y. To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey have been born two children: Edward, born May 7, 1907, and Max H., born April 20, 1912.

Politically Mr. Harvey is a Republican. He is a member of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church, of which he is trustee and treasurer.

Morris Schaffner, of Schaffner Brothers Company, proprietors of the largest meat packing house in northwestern Pennsylvania, is among Erie's representative and successful business men. He was born at Hessen, Germany, Nov. 28, 1866, and is the son of Henry and Regina (Sedel) Schaffner. The father, who was a butcher died in the old country in 1893 at the age of 56 years, and in 1898 the mother came to Erie to reside, where she died in 1912.

In 1881, as a boy of 14 years, Morris Schaffner came to this country alone, joined some friends in Cleveland, and two years later opened a small butcher shop. In 1884 his brother Jacob emigrated to the United States and the two became associated in Cleveland under the name of Schaffner Brothers. In January, 1887, they moved their business to Erie, opening a retail and wholesale store at 1327 Peach Street. In 1888 they commenced to devote themselves exclusively to the wholesale trade, and in 1906 they purchased an entire block on East 15th Street, breaking ground for the erection of the great plant which they now occupy. The most approved methods of artificial refrigeration are in use, the cellars and coolers giving ample assurance that all meat products will be handled with every safeguard as to cleanliness and general sanitary conditions. A large trade is also done in manufactured meat. In 1906 the business was incorporated and the present officers are as follows: Morris Schaffner, president; Jacob Schaffner, vice president; Milton Schaffner, treasurer; and Henry G. Schaffner, secretary.

Mr. Schaffner is also extensively interested in farming and stock raising, the Schaffners being among the largest land owners in Erie County. "Conneaut Valley Farm," located in Conneaut Township, Erie County, has a national reputation, having produced some of the best Shorthorn cattle in America. Morris Schaffner is a member of the American Shorthorn Breeders Association of Chicago, Ill. He has made many exhibits of his cattle at fairs winning prizes wherever shown.

On Nov. 28, 1886, Mr. Schaffner was married to Miss Carrie Schuster of Buffalo, and they have three children: Milton, treasurer of the com-

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pany; Alfred, also engaged in the business with his father; and Minnie married Martin D. Levi.

Mr. Schaffner is a Democrat, a member of the West Eighth Street Temple, of which he served as president for 17 years, and he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Erie Maennerchor, Erie Yacht Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He served as president of the B'nai B'rith and is a member of the Grange Lodge of Conneaut Township. At one time Mr. Schaffner served as fire commissioner of Erie.

E. A. Kelsey, who lives retired at Corry, is a prominent pioneer citizen of Erie County. He was born in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1838, the son of Erastus Darwin and Debra (Ackley) Kelsey.

Erastus Darwin Kelsey was a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., as was also his wife. He was a successful farmer and also engaged in the lumber business. Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey, deceased, had six children: Maroa, died in 1916; Daphoramy, deceased; Saphronia, deceased; E. A., the subject of this sketch; Orinda, first married Herman Dye, deceased, and later married William Wheat, and they live retired in Los Angeles, Cal.; and Loverna, deceased.

E. A. Kelsey was reared and educated in New York state and in May, 1861 came to Corry where he entered the employ of the A. & G. W. Railroad, now the Erie Railroad. He began as a telegraph lineman and remained in the service with this company for 38 years, 22 years of which he was in complete charge of the company's telegraph lines between Salamanca and Dayton, Ohio. With Charles Sweetman he holds the distinction of being the oldest employe of the company now living. Mr. Sweetman was an engineer for 59 years, running between Titusville and Corry. Mr. Kelsey helped clear away the timber on the railroad right of way between Corry and Union City. After retiring from railroad service, Mr. Kelsey was in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company for 17 years. He was located in Erie for a number of years as chief lineman and general inspector of the telephone company. Mr. Kelsey lives at 601 South Center Street.

In 1862 Mr. Kelsey was married to Miss Rachael Hurst, who was born at Leavittsburg, Ohio, in 1838. To them was born a son, Charles Ellsworth Kelsey, born Jan. 8, 1863, died Aug. 18, 1922, leaving a widow, Stella Burr Kelsey, who lives in Kane, Pa. Mr. Kelsey's first wife died Jan. 5, 1866. He was married Sept. 12, 1882, to Alice Beacon Anderson, a

native of Ripley, N. Y., born May 22, 1847. They have an adopted daughter, Mabel Adele, who married Claud D. Messenger, and they live in Corry.

Mr. Kelsey is a Republican and has held many township and county offices. He is a member of the Methodist church and is well and favorably known throughout Erie County.

John A. Farnham, retired, is a veteran of the Civil War and an honored pioneer citizen of Erie County. He was born in Wayne Township, Sept. 22, 1841, and is the son of Walter and Rhoda (Turner) Farnham.

Walter Farnham was born in Connecticut and came to Pennsylvania at the close of the War of 1812, in which he had served. He was a graduate of Yale University, and taught school for a number of years, later engaging in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Farnham had 14 children, as follows: Olive, married Hugh Wilson, both deceased; Cordelia, married Manning Fuller, both deceased; Eliza, married Thomas Spinks, both deceased; Chloe and Mary, deceased; Rhoda, married Josiah Jackson, both deceased; Sallie, the widow of Henderson Kelly, lives at Chandler's Valley, Pa.; George, died in infancy; John A., the subject of this sketch, Jane, married George Thompson, both deceased; Cynthia, deceased; Ellen, married William Loell, lives at Ripley, N. Y.; Laura, the widow of David Ray, lives in Chautauqua County, N. Y.; and Charles, deceased.

John A. Farnham was reared and educated in Chautauqua County, N. Y., and at the outbreak of the Civil War enlisted in Company F, 154th New York Volunteer Infantry. He engaged in many important battles and skirmishes during the war and was wounded during the battle of Gettysburg. Following the close of the war Mr. Farnham located at Corry, where he became a well known building contractor.

On April 30, 1866, Mr. Farnham was married at Champaign, Ill., to Miss Louise Hall, a native of Vermont, and to this union two children were born: Nellie, lives in Corry; and George, also a resident of Corry. Mrs. Farnham died March 17, 1886, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Corry. On Aug. 14, 1889, Mr. Farnham was married to Mrs. Sarah (Parker) Dunham, a native of Erie County, born Dec. 12, 1842, and the daughter of Dean and Mary (Shaddock) Parker, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Parker were the parents of the following children: Henry, deceased; Mrs. Farnham; Jonas, lives retired in Erie County; Frank, lives at Summit, Pa.; Mary, deceased; Major, lives retired at Summit, Pa.; Eva, married Eugene Hill, lives at

Erie; and James, deceased. By her first marriage Mrs. Farnham had three children: Delia, born Jan. 17, 1874, married on Sept. 3, 1893 to Hanford Duke, lives at Corry; Jessie, born March 30, 1875, died Aug. 18, 1913; and Grace, born Oct. 27, 1877, died in infancy.

Mr. Farnham is a Republican and served as a member of the city council for several years. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Masonic lodge. He and his family are highly esteemed in the community.

Henry F. King, who lives retired at Corry, was for many years a leading manufacturer of Erie County. He was born at Wattsburg, Pa., Dec. 25, 1837, and is the son of Hollis and Sally (Babcock) King.

Hollis King was born near Quebec, Canada, in 1811, and at an early date removed to Pennsylvania where he engaged in the mercantile business at Columbus. He also owned 450 acres of land near Corry. He also owned a large portion of the land upon which the city of Corry is located. He was a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belonged to the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He served as justice of the peace at Corry in 1865, and also associate judge of Erie County for a number of years. He died Dec. 18, 1891. His wife died Dec. 25th of the same year. To Mr. and Mrs. King were born five children: Henry F., the subject of this sketch; Ezra L., a Civil War veteran, deceased; G. Oscar, also a Civil War veteran, now deceased; John J., was killed while in service during the Civil War in 1864; and Bertha, the widow of Gaylord Bly, lives at Ashville, N. Y.

Henry F. King received his education in the district schools of Columbus, Warren County, Pa., where he spent his boyhood. He began life as a photographer at Columbus, Pa., and was later located at Union City, Wattsburg, and Pittsfield, Pa. He came to Corry in 1861 and established a machine shop. The business was known as King-Schafer & Company. Mr. King's father was associated in business with him for a number of years, until his death, and at that time Mr. King became sole owner of the business, which became known as the Corry Novelty Works. Mr. King retired from active business in 1916. He is the inventor of the King portable engine. As an honor from the state he was awarded a medal for his invention.

In 1876 Mr. King was united in marriage with Mrs. Delilah (Robinson) Reynolds, the widow of J. B. Reynolds. By her former marriage

she had two children, Guy Reynolds, who resides in California, and Minnie, deceased. Mrs. King died in March, 1877, and on Feb. 18, 1883, Mr. King was married to Miss Frances Braman, a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y., born in 1846, and a daughter of Paul and Cynthia (Bentley) Braman, who were the parents of the following children: Rinaldo, deceased; Adley, married Daniel Parkhurst, both deceased; Martha, resides at Corry; Paul J., lives in Chautauqua County, N. Y.; and Mrs. King.

In politics Mr. King is identified with the Republican party. He is a substantial citizen, esteemed throughout his community for his uprightness of character.

Stephen J. Downs, the well known and efficient postmaster of Union City, is a native of that place. He was born April 9, 1877, and is the son of Stephen and Anna (O'Callahan) Downs.

Stephen Downs came to this country from Ireland during the early days and located first in Iowa, but later removed to Pennsylvania. He was among the first settlers of Union City where he became a substantial citizen. He was a staunch Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Downs died in 1904 and his wife died July 10, 1919. They were the parents of the following children: Andrew, a cigar manufacturer, lives in Wisconsin; Julia, died at the age of 22 years; Michael, lives at Union City; Mary P., married T. J. Watson, lives at Conneaut, Ohio; Elizabeth, the widow of M. J. Hanlon; Rev. John C., deceased; Stephen J., the subject of this sketch; and Anna M., who died Feb. 27, 1925, and is buried at Union City, Pa.

Stephen J. Downs was educated in the parochial schools of Union City and attended business college at Meadville, Pa. He began his business career as a woodworker here and later became cashier and accountant for the Standard Chair Company of Union City, in which capacity he served for ten years. In 1916 Mr. Downs received his appointment as postmaster under President Wilson and was reappointed under President Harding's administration.

On Nov. 18, 1922, Mr. Downs was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Maud Kennedy, a native of Cleveland, and a daughter of Patrick J. and Mary (Burke) Kennedy, natives of Ireland. Mr. Kennedy is deceased and his wife resides in Union City. They were the parents of the following children: Mary, married James Haney, lives at Montclair,

N. J.; Mrs. Downs; Grace, married George Schrecht, lives in Cleveland; John, a student; and William J.

Mr. Downs is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is a progressive citizen and well liked throughout his community.

Miss Katherine M. Stone, of Corry, ranks among the representative and well known women of Erie County. She was born in this county and is the daughter of Jeremiah and Catherine Jane (Potter) Stone.

Jeremiah Stone was a native of New York State as was also his wife. At an early date he removed to Pennsylvania and settled at Corry where he engaged in the grocery business with his brother, Nathaniel, later dealing in vehicles, farm implements, etc. Mr. Stone died June 13, 1914, and his wife died Feb. 8, 1908. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Milton D., deceased, was the husband of Minnie B. Elderkin, and they had one son, Robert Edward, who resides at Spokane, Wash.; Watson, deceased, was the husband of Adelaide Williams, and they had one son, Paul Williams, who is engaged in the jewelry business in Corry; Herbert Potter, married Ethel L. Halliday, who passed away on March 29, 1925, leaving three children, Katherine Halliday, Mary Lawrence and Herbert Potter, Jr., who resides in Warren, Pa., with their parents; and Katherine M., the subject of this sketch.

Miss Katherine M. Stone was reared and educated in Corry, graduating from the Corry High School and for a number of years served as Court Stenographer in Chautauqua County, N. Y., under Judges Fisher and Ottaway. During the World War she served as secretary of the local Red Cross. After serving as First Reader of the Christian Science Church for three years, she was appointed clerk of the church here, in which she is an active worker. Miss Stone is also interested in club work and has a wide circle of friends in the community. She resides at 218 East Smith Street.

David S. Rowe, retired, was for 52 years connected with the Erie Railroad as ticket agent at Corry. He was born at Columbus, Warren County, Pa., March 29, 1843, the son of Henry and Helen (Smith) Rowe.

Henry Rowe was born in Ulster County, N. Y., March 29, 1806, and his wife was born in Chenango County, N. Y., June 3, 1807. They were among the early settlers of Warren County where Mr. Rowe improved a

large tract of land and engaged in general farming. He died April 8, 1872, and his wife died April 16, 1879. They were the parents of the following children: William, born July 19, 1830, died April 22, 1860; Francis A., born April 29, 1833, a Civil War veteran, lives at Conneaut; James, born in 1836, died at the age of three years; and David S., the subject of this sketch.

D. S. Rowe was educated in a log school house in Warren County, and attended Edinboro Normal School, being one of the first students enrolled at that institution. In 1865 he entered the employ of the Erie Railroad as local ticket agent, which position he filled continuously until 1917.

On Dec. 12, 1867, Mr. Rowe was married to Miss Emily R. Gilson, a native of Canada, N. Y., born Dec. 11, 1840, and a daughter of Eben and Esther (Lytle) Gilson, natives of Chatauqua County, N. Y., and the parents of the following children: Mrs. Rowe; Marion, Cassius, Rosamond, all deceased; W. L., lives at Bradford, Pa.; E. P., lives at Corry; and Jackson, deceased.

To D. S. and Emily R. (Gilson) Rowe were born three children: William D., born July 27, 1876, lives at Corry; Rodney H., born Dec. 11, 1881, lives at Corry; and H. Langdon, born Feb. 29, 1884, lives at Corry. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe have three grandchildren, Helen, David S., and Dorothy Rowe.

In politics Mr. Rowe is identified with the Democratic party, and he is affiliated with the Masonic lodge. He is a public spirited citizen and holds the high regard of all who know him.

Noah P. Kilburn, who lives retired at Corry, is a highly respected pioneer citizen of Erie County. He was born in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1828, and is a son of John M. and Hannah (Cook) Kilburn, both natives of New York.

There were ten children in the Kilburn family as follows: Mercy, deceased; N. P., the subject of this sketch; Rastus, a Civil War veteran, lives retired at Perrysburg, N. Y.; Alvin, a Civil War veteran, lives retired at Salamanca, N. Y.; Washington H., a Civil War veteran, deceased; Marvin, who died in 1921; Theva, Sarah, and Orilla, all deceased; and one child died in infancy.

When N. P. Kilburn was young his parents moved to Cattaraugus County, N. Y., where he received his early education. When quite young he became an apprentice to the jeweler's trade at Gowanda, N. Y., and

in the fall of 1856 engaged in business for himself at Forrestville, N. Y. Four years later he removed to Randolph and in August, 1862, came to Corry and engaged in business, being the first jeweler in the town. In 1874 Mr. Kilburn sold his business and went on the road as a traveling salesman in the sewing machine, needle and oil line for six years, during which time he traveled in nearly every state in the union. He later returned to Corry where he again engaged in the jewelry business.

In 1846 Mr. Kilburn was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Nichols, a native of Cattaraugus County, N. Y. She died in 1862 leaving one child, Ellen, deceased. Mr. Kilburn was later married to Miss Susan Owens, of Corry. To them were born two children: George P., lives at Akron, Ohio; and Jennie, who married Frank McVaugh, lives at Oil City, Pa. Mrs. Kilburn died in August, 1905.

Mr. Kilburn is a member of the Baptist Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Republican.

Dr. Henry L. Stem, who has practiced his profession at Union City for the past 33 years, is among the capable physicians and surgeons of Erie County. He was born at Waterford, Pa., Oct. 5, 1869, and is the son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Rice) Stem.

Lewis Stem was among the earliest settlers of Erie County, having come from his native home at Easton, Pa. He was a blacksmith by trade and in 1865 was proprietor of the Eagle Hotel at Waterford, which he conducted for a number of years. He died in 1900 and is buried at Kent, Ohio. His wife died when Henry L., the subject of this sketch, was but a few days old. Another son, Andrew C., resides at Kent, Ohio.

Dr. Henry L. Stem was reared by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rice. He was graduated from Waterford Academy in 1888 and in the fall of 1889 began the study of medicine in the Homeopathic Medical College at Cleveland, Ohio. In the fall and winter of 1890-91 he attended the Hahnneman Medical College, Chicago, returning to the Cleveland Medical College in the fall of 1891. He was graduated from that institution with honor in the spring of 1892 and in April of that year located at Union City, where he has established an excellent practice.

On Oct. 5, 1889, Dr. Stem was united in marriage with Miss Ada B. Cheney, a native of Jamestown, N. Y., and to this union two children were born: James C., who was graduated from Oberlin College in 1922, now

engaged in the insurance business at LeRoy, Ohio; and Elizabeth, born Dec. 23, 1905, a student at Ohio Wesleyan University. Mrs. Stem died May 9, 1916, and is buried in Evergreen cemetery. On Feb. 5, 1918, Dr. Stem was married to Miss Lana M. Wilson, a native of Union City, born April 6, 1880.

Dr. Stem is a member of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, and is identified with the Masonic lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He is a Republican.

Henry Althof, retired, has been prominently identified with the manufacturing interests of Erie for many years. He was born at Ehringshausen, Prussia, Germany, Jan. 24, 1849, the son of Henry and Anna Margaret (Schmidt) Althof.

Henry Althof, deceased, brought his family to this country many years ago and settled in Erie, where he engaged in the manufacture of iron fences, railings, stairs, gratings, and all kinds of iron work, the business being known as the Ornamental Iron Works. Mr. and Mrs. Althof had five children: August, Frederick W., Susan, and Elizabeth, all deceased; and Henry, the subject of this sketch.

Henry Althof was educated in the schools of Erie and after serving his apprenticeship as blacksmith and ornamental iron worker under his father, he was associated with him in his business until 1872, when a partnership was formed with J. Gorr and W. Baas, under the firm name of the Erie City Iron Fence & Wire Works. The business was located at 1214 State Street and after the dissolution of the partnership in 1901, Mr. Althof conducted the business at 1318 Turnpike, with Mr. Baas. The latter retired in 1910, the business thereafter being conducted at 1821 State Street until 1915, when Mr. Althof disposed of his business to his sons, who increased the business to such an extent that it was necessary to erect a new factory building at 121-23 East 23rd Street. It is known as the Henry Althof's Sons Company Wire Works.

On May, 26, 1874, Mr. Althof was united in marriage at Erie with Miss Georgianna Nolte, a native of Hanover, Germany, and the daughter of Henry and Justina (Vollmer) Nolte, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Althof have four sons, Henry A., Edward W., Arthur L., and George T., proprietors of the business established by their father. Three daughters, Rose, Emma, and Emilie are deceased, and a son, Carl, died in infancy.

Mr. Althof is a Republican, a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and his wife belongs to the Ladies of the Maccabees. Mr.

HENRY ALTHOF

Althof is a substantial and well known citizen of Erie, and his family stands high in the community.

Henry August Althof, vice president of the Henry Althof's Sons Company, represents a family fittingly assigned a conspicuous place among the manufacturing agencies of Erie. He was born in this city, Dec. 24, 1879, and is the son of Henry and Georgianna (Nolte) Althof, sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. There were eight children in the Althof family as follows: Rose Elizabeth, born March 1, 1876; Emma Louise, born Feb. 21, 1878; Henry August, the subject of this sketch; Edward W., born Feb. 11, 1882; Emilie, born July 2, 1884; Arthur Louis, born June 30, 1886; George T., born March 22, 1889; and Carl, born July 8, 1891.

Henry August Althof received his education in the public schools of Erie and began his business career as an errand boy for I. A. Forman & Brother. Since the time of his father's retirement in 1915, Mr. Althof has served as vice president of the business that was established by his father many years ago.

On June 15, 1905, Mr. Althof was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Rose Knabel, a native of Erie, and a daughter of Anton and Caroline (Obble) Knabel, natives of Germany. Mr. Knabel died June 11, 1915, and his wife died Dec. 31, 1920. There are three children in the Althof family: Harold Henry, born Jan. 12, 1907; Catherine Marie, born April 27, 1908; and Richard, born Nov. 18, 1914.

Mr. Althof is identified with the Republcan party and is a member of the Lutheran Church. He is an enterprising and successful business man and is widely known.

Edward W. Althof, secretary and treasurer of the Henry Althof's Sons Company, is a well known business man of Erie. He was born in this city, Feb. 11, 1882, and is the son of Henry and Georgianna (Nolte) Althof, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

Edward W. Althof attended the public schools of Erie and was graduated from Central High School in 1913. In 1911 he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a messenger boy and remained in their service for 16 years, being assistant cashier at the time of his resignation. He was then employed by Jacob Haller, wholesale grocer, and served in the capacity of bookkeeper for one and one-half years. In 1918 Mr. Althof purchased a fourth interest in the business established

by his father and known as Henry Althof's Sons Company. Since its incorporation he has served as secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Althof was married on Nov. 16, 1905, to Miss Emma C. Benze, a native of Erie and a daughter of Rev. Adolph L. and Elizabeth (Kiehl) Benze, natives of Germany. Reverend Benze died in 1890 and his wife died in 1911.

To Mr. and Mrs. Althof have been born three sons: Edward W., Jr., a student at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa.; L. Frederick and Theodore H., both at home.

Mr. Althof is a Republican and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He is a progressive business man and is well liked in Erie and the surrounding community.

George T. Althoff, who ranks among the successful and leading manufacturers of Erie, was born in this city, March 22, 1889, and is the son of Henry and Georgiana (Nolte) Althof. A complete biography of Henry Althof, pioneer manufacturer of Erie, appears elsewhere in this history.

George T. Althof began life as an errand boy. He was educated in the public schools of Erie and since 1918 has owned an interest in the Henry Althof's Sons Company, which was established by his father many years ago.

On June 24, 1914, Mr. Althof was united in marriage with Miss Nettie C. Weber, a native of Erie and the daughter of Gustave A. and Rosina (Link) Weber, natives of West Prussia, Germany, and early settlers of Erie. Mr. Weber resides at 3019 Parade Street. His wife died Aug. 1, 1891. To Mr. and Mrs. Althof a daughter has been born, Georgiana C., a student.

Politically Mr. Althof is a Republican. He is a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and is identified with the Keystone Lodge of the Masonic Order. He is well and favorably known in the community where he has spent his entire life.

Dr. Ralph B. Holeman is a successful and well known dentist of Union City. He was born at Mill Village, in Erie County, Dec. 16, 1879, and is the son of Richard A. and Jennie (Skelton) Holeman.

Richard A. Holeman was a native of Allegheny, Pa., and a son of Alexander Holeman, who served as a member of the Pennsylvania legislature. In 1874 Richard A. Holeman removed to Mill Village where he

engaged in the mercantile business for 40 years, being among the pioneer merchants of that section. He was a Republican and served as justice of the peace for 36 years. Mr. Holeman died Feb. 15, 1920, and is buried at Union City. His wife resides with her son here. To Mr. and Mrs. Holeman one child was born, Dr. Ralph B., the subject of this sketch. By a former marriage Mr. Holeman had another son, Lewis A., a civil engineer who resides in Baltimore.

After attending the public and high schools of Mill Village, Dr. Holeman was a student at Allegheny College for one year. He was graduated from the dental school of Western Reserve University in Cleveland in 1904, and spent the next seven years practicing his profession at Mill Village. Since 1911 Dr. Holeman has been located in Union City where he has established an exceptionally fine practice.

On June 29, 1904, Dr. Holeman was married to Miss Mabel B. Young, who was born at Union City, July 9, 1885, the daughter of John and Lulu E. (Green) Young, both deceased. There were eight children in the Young family, as follows: Alfred, lives in New York City; Arthur F., hardware merchant, lives at Union City; Bertha, married Harvey Brakeman, lives at Sandy Lake, Pa.; Edward; John, lives in California; Mrs. Holeman; Rena, married Frank Turner, lives at Union City; and Fern, married Charles Metzger, lives at Union City. Mr. Young was a Civil War veteran. To Dr. and Mrs. Holeman have been born three children: Dorothy B., born Dec. 29, 1905, a graduate of Union City High School, and who will be graduated from Allegheny College in 1925; Mildred Jane, died in infancy; and Richard John, born Dec. 23, 1918.

Dr. Holeman is a Republican, and a member of the Methodist Church. He is a public spirited and progressive citizen.

Robert M. Buck, a well known citizen of Union City, was born at Watsontown, Northumberland County, Pa., Dec. 9, 1878, and is the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Stiler) Buck.

Robert Buck was a native of Chester County, Pa., and an early settler of Watsontown. He was among the pioneer railroad men and was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad building a road between Williamsport and Harrisburg, Pa. He was a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and a 32nd degree Mason. He died Jan. 7, 1890, and his wife died May 7, 1913. Robert M., the subject of this sketch was their only child. By a former marriage Mr. Buck had three children: Emily, married Parson McKee, both deceased; Mary, the widow of Bert

Hogue, lives at Jersey Shore, Pa.; and Jennie, the widow of William R. Rossell, lives at Renovo, Pa.

Robert M. Buck was reared and educated at Watsontown, Pa., and in 1898 entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as a telegraph operator. Several years later he was connected with the New York Central Railroad in the same capacity at Jersey Shore, Pa., but later returned to the Pennsylvania Railroad. He has been stationed in Union City since 1908.

On Nov. 15, 1900, Mr. Buck was united in marriage with Miss Rosanna Kamp, of Watsontown, Pa., and the daughter of John T. and Mary (Reynolds) Kamp, who were the parents of the following children: Kitty Ann, married William Wesley, lives at Tyrone, Pa.; Vern, married P. J. Michael, lives in Union City; Mrs. Buck; and George P., who is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. Kamp died Sept. 13, 1910, and his wife died March 31, 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Buck have no children.

Mr. Buck is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is an industrious and capable man and has the esteem of his fellow citizens throughout the community.

John C. Maurer, who lives retired at Union City, is among the well known and honored pioneer citizens of Erie County. He was born at Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1834, and is the son of John and Sophia (Gross) Maurer.

Early in 1834 John Maurer brought his family from Germany to the United States and settled at Rochester, N. Y. He was a cooper by trade and with his three brothers, Jacob, John and William, he engaged in the manufacture of barrels. He died in 1857 and is buried in Mount Hope cemetery, Rochester. There were ten children in the Maurer family: Charles, deceased; John C., the subject of this sketch; Jacob; Sophia, married Gustave Kiser, both deceased; Kate, married Peter Richard, both deceased; Louise, the widow of Albert Bloom, lives at Rochester; Ellen, lives at Rochester; C. B.; and two died in infancy.

After completing his schooling, John C. Maurer engaged in the manufacturing business with his father and later entered the employ of the New York Central Railroad as a machinist, and was also a fireman on this road for several years, after which he engaged in the manufacture of barrels with his brother Charles in Akron, Ohio. In 1873 Mr. Maurer

removed to Erie County and settled in Union City where he was engaged in the same business. He is retired and lives at 50 West High Street.

On June 24, 1860, Mr. Maurer was married to Miss Margaret Haas, a native of Bavaria, born in 1830. They had six children: Matilda, born March 28, 1861, married Albert Calfisch, lives at Union City; Louisa, deceased; Leta, deceased; Fred, died in 1923; John, deceased; and Mabel, the widow of Andrew McLeod, lives with her father, has one child, Alice, attending high school. There are seven grandchildren: Margaret, Gertrude, Gladys, Mabel, Albert, John, and Alice. Mr. Maurer is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a man highly esteemed in his community.

Ira B. Munsee, now living at Union City, is a Civil War veteran and a well known and highly esteemed pioneer citizen of Erie County. He was born in Amity Township, Jan. 9, 1848, and is a son of Harvey and Almeda (Drake) Munsee, the former a native of New York and the latter of Erie County.

Harvey Munsee was the son of John Munsee, a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., who served in the War of 1812. The latter was a son of John Munsee who came to this country from France, and was a member of Lafayette's forces. In 1845 the Munsee family migrated to Erie County and settled on a farm in Venango Township. Harvey Munsee was a prominent citizen of his time and died in 1898. His wife died in 1904. They were the parents of the following children: John, who served throughout the Civil War with Company K, 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and who now lives retired at Wattsburg, Pa.; Louisa, born in 1850, died in 1867; Ira B., the subject of this sketch; Eustacy, deceased, was the wife of George Dorman; Jane, deceased, was the wife of William Fennell; Milton, deceased; Wilson and Grant, deceased; three children died in infancy; and Myrtle, married John Reynolds, lives in Crawford County, Pa.

Ira B. Munsee received his education in a log school house in Amity Township and began life as a farmer, working out for $5.00 per month. He became the owner of 50 acres of land which he improved with oxen teams and became one of the leading grain and dairy farmers of the county. At the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Munsee enlisted in Company F, 111th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and engaged in a number

of important battles. He was also with Sherman on his March to the Sea. During the Spanish-American War he volunteered for service but was not accepted. Mr. Munsee is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 235, Wattsburg, Pa. He has held all offices of this post and is now quartermaster.

On Dec. 25, 1867, Mr. Munsee was united in marriage with Miss Amerett Fenno, a native of Erie County, born Oct. 11, 1848, and the daughter of Judson and Grace (Edwards) Fenno, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Connecticut. There were eight children in the Fenno family, as follows: Edwin and Adeline, both deceased; Melvin, deceased, was a Civil War veteran; Byron, deceased; Mrs. Munsee; Estelle, who teaches in the government schools at Washington, D. C.; and Florence, married Henry Seymour, lives in Union Township, Erie County. Mrs. Munsee died March 26, 1925, and is buried in Evergreen cemetery at Union City, Pa.

Mr. Munsee is a Republican and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Frank H. Osborne, funeral director, of Union City, ranks among the substantial citizens of Erie County. He was born at Sharpsville, in Mercer County, Pa., Sept. 30, 1887, and is the son of Frank Forrest and Ada (Hazen) Osborne.

Frank Forrest Osborne was an early settler of Mercer County and was a bookkeeper during his active career. He now lives retired at Meadville. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Osborne were born five children: Frank, deceased; Gyla, married Charles W. Cushman, lives at Sharon, Pa.; Edna, lives at Sharon, Pa.; Frank H., the subject of this sketch; and Ralph, who died at the age of 21 years.

Frank H. Osborne received his education in the public and high schools of Saegerstown, Pa., and after his marriage engaged in the undertaking business with his father-in-law, F. M. Hunter, pioneer funeral director of Saegerstown. Mr. Hunter is one of the organizers of the Saegerstown National Bank and has always taken a prominent part in the business activities of that city. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. and

Mrs. Hunter had three children: Mrs. Osborne; Iva, the widow of LeRoy Hickernell, lives at Saegerstown, Pa.; and Gordon Emory, engaged in business with his father.

In December, 1915, Mr. Osborne engaged in the undertaking business at Ridgeway, Pa., where he remained until April, 1919. He has since been located at Union City, where he has one of the most up-to-date funeral homes in the county. Mr. Osborne operates the only ambulance in the city, and also does a large volume of business in Erie.

Mr. Osborne married Miss Ethel Hunter, a native of Saegerstown, Pa., born July 12, 1886, and the daughter of F. M. and Leta (Lord) Hunter. They have five children, as follows: Ralph; Florence; Dorothy; Richard; and Donald.

Mr. Osborne and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he belongs to the Masonic lodge, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Joseph L. Shreve, a well known retired farmer of Union City, is a Civil War veteran and a member of one of Erie County's pioneer families. He was born at Bloomfield, Crawford County, Pa., July 12, 1847, and is the son of Charles and Sarah (Winder) Shreve.

Charles Shreve, who was born in Bloomfield Township, Crawford County, in 1804, was among the earliest settlers of Erie County. He was a large land owner and a prosperous farmer. He died in 1874 and his wife died in 1883. They were the parents of the following children: Seth, a Civil War veteran, deceased; Lyda, married Andrew Westfall, both deceased; Hannah, married Thomas Winder, both deceased; Charlotte, married Porter Beacon, both deceased; James, deceased; Charles H., a retired farmer, lives in Union Township, Erie County; Levi, was killed while in service during the Civil War; J. L., the subject of this sketch; Amy, married George Webb, both deceased; and Emily, deceased.

J. L. Shreve received his education in a log school house and was actively engaged in general farming and stock raising until 1923, when he removed to his present home in Union City. He served during the Civil War with Company C, 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry.

On Dec. 25, 1869, Mr. Shreve was married first to Miss Mary A. Sabin, who was born in Bloomfield Township, Crawford County, Aug. 23, 1845, the daughter of Albert and Margaret (Shreve) Sabin, who were the parents of the following children: Clinton, died while in service during the

Civil War; Liscom, lives retired in Missouri; Mrs. Shreve; Virginia, died at the age of 18 years; Sarah, married Edward Oliver, both deceased; Rheumy and Richard, twins. The former is deceased, the latter lives in Indianapolis, Ind. Mrs. Shreve died in 1901, leaving the following children: Orrie A., a farmer, lives in Chautauqua County, N. Y.; Lena, married Clark Mitchell, lives in Union City; Charles, a dairy farmer, lives in Union Township; May, married Will Peterson, a farmer, lives near East Springfield, Pa.; Minnie, married Fred Whittaker, lives in Union City; Jessie, married Eugene Prather, lives in Union City; and Rose, married Dr. Floyd Randall Russell, lives at Willoughby, Ohio.

On Oct. 30, 1903, Mr. Shreve was married to Mrs. Sarah Jane Brumagen, a native of Wattsburg, Pa., born Aug. 13, 1870. By her former marriage Mrs. Shreve has four children: Bertha, married Donald Kimmey, lives in Union City; Flora, married Carl Benson, lives in Union City; Mabel, married Herbert Pease, lives in Union City; and Ralph, who lives in Union City.

In politics Mr. Shreve is identified with the Republican party and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and a highly esteemed pioneer of his community.

Arthur Perry Zuck is well and favorably known in Erie, where he is identified with C. W. Zuck & Sons, leading greenhouse owners of this section. He was born at West Mill Creek, now known as Westminster, Pa., May 7, 1889, and is the son of Clark W. and Ocene N. (McKee) Zuck. A complete sketch of the ancestry of the Zuck family appears elsewhere in this history of Erie County.

After attending District School No. 5 for eight years, Arthur Perry Zuck was graduated from West Mill Creek High School in 1907. He immediately became interested in the business established by his father in 1880, which is known as C. W. Zuck & Sons. Mr. Zuck holds a fourth interest in this business.

On April 2, 1913, Mr. Zuck was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Catherine Van Buseck, a member of a well known pioneer family of this county. She is the daughter of Albert Augustus and Lucinda Adelia (Donor) Von Buseck.

Albert A. Von Buseck was born in West Mill Creek, April 18, 1858, the son of Louis Von Buseck, one of a family of nine children who all settled in Erie County. Louis Von Buseck's father, Baron Charles Von

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Buseck, brought his brother and him from Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1832. The old home of the family was a valley called Busecker Thol, near the city of Giessen in the Grand Duchy of Hessen, Germany. The first record of this family in Germany cites the family as coming into Germany as Swedish noblemen, who came with Gustavus Adolphus during the Thirty Year War. For particular services rendered Germany at this time they were given the valley called Busecker Thol. They possessed the ancient title of Frieherr (free war) which during the 17th century came to be changed to Baron. It is today merely a title of honor, but it implies considerable social status and privilege in Germany. When Baron Charles Von Buseck came to this country in 1832 he brought with him the copper plate which was a deed to the land that had been given them for particular services to their country. On this plate are the names of nine towns included in the valley. Two of these towns were named for the family, Grossen Buseck and Alten Buseck. This plate is now in possession of the Von Buseck family. Baron Charles Von Buseck and his sons, after arriving in this country and reaching Philadelphia were informed there of the good fishing and hunting at Erie, Pa., then known as Eaglesville. They walked to Erie and finally located on a 700-acre tract which is now known as Kearsage. After a time the Baron bought other farms, one being on the West Ridge, 55 acres, paying $13.00 per acre. Another farm on West Lake Road, 90 acres. Both of these farms have descendants living on them. Louis Von Buseck was married to Miss Caroline Stohlmann in September, 1840. She came from Bremen, Germany, in 1834. Their son, Albert A., was married April 12, 1886, to Miss Lucinda A. Donor. He died April 2, 1921, and his widow resides near Erie on West Lake Road on land purchased from Fred Sopp.

To Arthur Perry and Harriet Catherine (Von Buseck) Zuck a son has been born, Melvin Albert, born Aug. 20, 1921. He is named after a very dear friend of Mr. and Mrs. Zuck, Melvin E. Trotter, the prominent evangelist of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Zuck is a Republican and holds membership in the Rotary Club of Erie, the Erie Motor Club and the Automobile Club of Southern California. Both he and his wife have been members of Asbury M. E. Church since childhood, and she has served as president of the Home Missionary Society for several years. He has served as steward for 14 years, as president of the Epworth League and Mrs. Zuck and he have taught a class of boys and girls for 15 years, and also have been active in County

Sunday School work. He served as County Secretary for three years and at present is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Erie County Sabbath School Association, which board has charge of Camp Caledon, a girl's camp on the lake at North Girard. Mrs. Zuck is also financial secretary of the Crittendon Home for Girls. She is a member of The Women's Club of Erie and is an active member of the Shakespeare Club of West Mill Creek. Mr. Zuck is a man of progressive ideas in his business and a citizen of whom the community is proud.

Floyd J. Zuck, of C. W. Zuck & Sons, greenhouse owners, is an enterprising and substantial business man of Erie. He was born at what is now Westminster, in Erie County, Jan. 4, 1882, and is the son of Clark W. and Ocene N. (McKee) Zuck.

Clark W. Zuck is a native of Westminster, born Aug. 1, 1857, and the son of John Christian and Martha Zuck, natives of Millcreek Township, born Aug. 26, 1832, and Aug. 8, 1833, respectively. They are both deceased and buried in the Erie Cemetery. Clark W. Zuck is the great-grandson of John Zuck, Sr., who moved to this country about the year 1800 and settled on a farm west of Erie. Clark W. Zuck is actively engaged in business at Westminster, where he owns 30 acres of land, six of which are covered with glass. This business was established by him in 1880 and has developed into one of the leading businesses of its kind in the state. His sons are now partners in the business.

To Clark W. and Ocene N. (McKee) Zuck the following children were born: Bert Curry, born Jan. 28, 1885, died Feb. 7, 1923, was married to Elsie Nelson, of Westminster, and interested in business with his father until his death; Arthur Perry, born May 7, 1889, married April 2, 1913, Harriet Buseck, a member of the firm of C. W. Zuck & Sons; and Floyd J., the subject of this sketch.

Floyd J. Zuck was educated in the public schools and in 1900 was graduated from Erie High School. He was then a student at Allegheny College for two years and attended the Pennsylvania State College for one year. In 1905 he entered business with his father, in which he is now successfully engaged.

On Jan. 14, 1909, Mr. Zuck was united in marriage with Miss Orra Garlock of Westminster, born Sept. 17, 1871, and the daughter of Samuel A. and Elizabeth (Donor) Garlock. Mr. Garlock was born Aug. 28, 1848,

and now lives retired on West Lake Road. He was a farmer. His wife, who was born April 16, 1852, died Jan. 3, 1907. They had five children, as follows: Mrs. Zuck; James Edward, born March 4, 1872, married Georgia Hohenstein, of Sheridan, N. Y., and they reside on the West Lake Road, where he is a farmer; Gertrude Elizabeth, born Jan. 1, 1877, married Seth Gill, who died in October, 1915, and she lives at Westminster; Harriet L., born Nov. 13, 1885, lives on West Lake Road; and Florence C., born Nov. 3, 1889, married Dec. 21, 1910, to Harvey M. Willis, greenhouse owner, lives at Westminster.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd J. Zuck have a son, Clark Floyd Zuck, born April 28, 1918.

Mr. Zuck and his family hold membership in the Asbury Methodist Church, of which he is treasurer, and he is a director of the West Millcreek Township schools.

The Zooks (Zuck) are of an old honored German family. Zug is the ancient name. An archaeological discovery made a number of years ago in Egypt has revealed some knowledge of a tribe that existed in a remote period known as "Zugites." The name Zug is ancient in Switzerland, where there is a canton, a river, a lake, and a town of that name. In 1884 the town contained 3,000 inhabitants. On the 4th of March, 1435, in that part of the town of Zug nearest to the lake a frightful noise was heard succeeded by total disappearance of two streets with part of the town wall which sunk into the lake. In 1594 a similar calamity occurred and in 1795 a great part of the town was destroyed by fire. Zug is so ancient that its origin is past record. It is supposed to have been one of the towns destroyed by the Helvetian inhabitants mentioned in Caesar's Commentaries.

The colonial archives of Pennsylvania give the names of ten Zugs who arrived in Philadelphia from 1727 to 1776, and the present family came from one of the ten. We do not know just which.

Clark W. Zuck is one of the prominent and highly esteemed business men of Erie. He was born on the old homestead farm in Mill Creek Township, Aug. 1, 1857, the son of John C. and Martha (Fry) Zuck.

John C. Zuck was born at West Mill Creek, Erie County, Aug. 26, 1832, and his wife was born there Aug. 8, 1833. He passed his entire life in this section and was among the prominent agriculturists of his

time. Mr. and Mrs. Zuck, deceased, were the parents of four children: Wayne E., born Nov. 6, 1854; William, born Nov. 29, 1855, died in infancy; Clark W., the subject of this sketch; and Lester J., born Sept. 1, 1869.

Clark W. Zuck was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He remained with his parents and was associated in the work and management of the home farm until after his marriage, and in 1882 purchased 55 acres of land on Ridge Road, West Mill Creek. Since 1880 he has been interested in the greenhouse business which is known as C. W. Zuck & Sons. His greenhouses, equipped throughout with the best of facilities, are among the largest and most modern in this section of the state. He has made a specialty of raising lettuce, cucumbers, and tomatoes.

On Sept. 21, 1880, Mr. Zuck was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Ocene McKee, who was born in Mill Creek Township, Aug. 28, 1859, the daughter of John and Mary Ann (Pherrin) McKee. To Mr. and Mrs. Zuck three sons were born: Floyd J., born Jan. 4, 1882, of the firm of C. W. Zuck & Sons, and a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; Bert Curry, born Jan. 28, 1885, deceased, married Elsie Nelson, and was engaged in business with his father until his death; and Arthur Perry, born May 7, 1889, married April 2, 1913, to Harriet Buseck, a sketch of whom also appears in this history.

Mr. Zuck is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bert Curry Zuck, son of Clark W. and Nancy Ocene (McKee) Zuck, was born Jan. 28, 1885, and died Feb. 7, 1923. He grew to manhood in Erie County and at the time of his death was engaged in business with his father.

He married Miss Elsie Nelson, a daughter of Peter and Louisa Nelson, both natives of Sweden. Mr. Nelson came to this country when he was a boy of 12. His wife was about 17 years of age when she came to this country. They live in Erie where Mr. Nelson is engaged in the automobile business.

Mrs. Zuck is one of six children born to her parents, the others being as follows: Agnes, Roby S., Victor N., John A., and Leona.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bert Curry Zuck were born two children: Mildred Louise, born Sept. 12, 1918, and Emily Ocene, born Feb. 22, 1920.

Warren Chaffee, now living retired at Union City, has had a successful career as farmer and stockman. He was born in Amity Township, Erie County, Nov. 8, 1843, and is the son of Ira and Hannah (Norton) Chaffee.

Ira Chaffee was a native of Cayuga County, N. Y., and an early settler of Erie County, where he improved 100 acres of land in Amity Township. He died June 9, 1886, and his wife died in April, 1889. They were the parents of 12 children, as follows: Ezra, deceased; Susan, married M. S. Rouse, both deceased; Julia E., the widow of Wells Beacon, lives at Hatch Hollow, Pa.; Nancy, deceased, was the wife of E. W. Hatch, who lives at Union City; Delia, married Martin C. Colburn, both deceased; Porter P., deceased; Louise, married Hiram Stewart, both deceased; Warren, the subject of this sketch; James B. and Horace H., both deceased; Marietta, married Willard Doolittle, both deceased; and Nora Lena, married Louis Crook, both deceased.

Warren Chaffee attended the schools of Wattsburg, Pa., and in early life taught school in Erie County, receiving a salary of $18.00 per month. He later engaged in farming and worked out for two years at $25.00 per month. At the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Chaffee volunteered and served with Company L, 102nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. For a number of years he owned a well improved farm in Erie County and was an extensive stockman and dairy farmer.

On Jan. 1, 1886, Mr. Chaffee was united in marriage with Miss Nellie C. Pond, a native of New York, born Feb. 9, 1842, and to this union were born four children, as follows: Willis L., a public accountant, lives at Atlanta, Ga.; Jessie May, a school teacher, before her marriage to W. B. Steadman, died March 23, 1924; Frank Warren, a merchant at Warren, Pa.; and Lulu B., a teacher before her marriage to H. L. Birchard, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at East St. Louis, Mo., and who was killed by a train Aug. 30, 1924. His widow resides at East St. Louis. Mrs. Chaffee died July 9, 1916, and is buried in Evergreen cemetery. On July 30, 1917, Mr. Chaffee was married to Mrs. Serena (Pond) Young, the widow of James Young, of Erie, and the daughter of Seth and Electa (Falett) Pond, natives of New York, and both now deceased. There were six children in the Pond family, as follows: Julia, married John Crowell, both deceased; George, deceased; Nellie C., Mr. Chaffee's first wife; William, who died in prison while in service during the Civil War, as a member of Company

A, 145th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; Mrs. Chaffee; and Otis M., deceased.

Mr. Chaffee is a Republican and in 1887 served as a member of the legislature. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is widely known and is among the leading pioneer citizens of the county.

Ernest F. Sell, photographer, is among the enterprising and successful business men of Union City. He is a native of West Virginia, born Feb. 5, 1882, and the son of Simon and Laura (Rinehart) Sell.

Simon Sell, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War and a successful farmer during his life. He died in West Virginia, April 22, 1919, and his wife died Dec. 23, 1917. They were the parents of the following children: Lizzie B., married William Jennings, lives in West Virginia; Letha Ellen, deceased, was the wife of Francis Gibson; Bertie, married Walter Swisher, lives in West Virginia; Arthur, lives in Maryland; Ernest F., the subject of this sketch; and Maggie, married Lowell Brumhall, lives in West Virginia.

Ernest F. Sell spent his boyhood in his native state and was educated in the public schools. When a young man he engaged in his present profession at Thomas, W. Va., where he remained 12 years. In 1920 he came to Union City where he purchased the business of Mr. Warner. Mr. Sell has one of the finest studios in this section of the state and has a well established business.

In politics Mr. Sell is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Methodist church and belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a dependable citizen and stands high in the community.

Lewis Sweet is among the prominent young business men of Erie County, and is engaged in the insurance and bond business at Union City. He was born at Corry, Pa., Oct. 27, 1900, and is the son of George and Mary (Lewis) Sweet.

George Sweet was born in Mill Creek, Erie County, May 29, 1872, the son of Addison G. and Nellie (Barclay) Sweet. Addison G. Sweet established the insurance business at Union City, known as A. G. Sweet & Son, in 1864, and was among the leading business men of this county during

his life. He died Feb. 9, 1922, and his wife, a native of New York, resides at Union City and is 77 years of age. They had two children: George, father of the subject of this sketch; and Lulu, married Alfred Rockwell, lives at Meadville, Pa. George Sweet engaged in the business established by his father until his death, June 20, 1920. His widow resides with her son, Lewis.

Lewis Sweet received his education in the public and high schools of Union City and at Keski and at an early age engaged in the insurance and bond business with his grandfather and father. After the death of both he became sole owner of the business.

On April 17, 1923, Mr. Sweet was united in marriage with Miss Margaret McCune, a native of Fayette City, Pa., and a daughter of W. A. and Lulu McCune. Mr. Cune resides at Meadville, Pa. His wife died Jan. 1, 1921. They had two children: Mrs. Sweet; and W. A., a student. To Mr. and Mrs. Sweet, a daughter has been born, Mary Lou, born Sept. 10, 1924.

Mr. Sweet is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He is a Republican, and one of the enterprising young business men of his community.

Charles B. Goodwin, retired, is well and favorably known in Union City where he resides. He was born in Pittsfield Township, Warren County, Pa., Oct. 12, 1846, and is the son of James and Elvira (Tanner) Goodwin.

James Goodwin was a native of Warren County and his wife was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., He was a pioneer lumber man of Warren County and later in life engaged in general farming on 144 acres of land in Chautauqua County. He died Dec. 18, 1880, and his wife died March 18, 1900. They had four sons: Hiram, deceased; Charles B., the subject of this sketch; Hugh, deceased; and Rodney, lives in Union City.

Charles B. Goodwin went to school in a log school house in Pittsfield Township, Warren County, and began life in the lumber business with his father. After a number of years he removed to Chautauqua County, N. Y., where he spent several years on a farm, and later went to Bear Lake, Pa., where he engaged in the mercantile business until 1884. Mr. Goodwin then became associated with the Warren Chair Company as a traveling salesman and remained in their employ continuously until 1921,

when he retired. He owns a well improved farm in Union Township, as well as city property.

In 1865 Mr. Goodwin was united in marriage with Miss Hannah E. Perigo, a native of Sussex County, N. J., born Oct. 21, 1849, and the daughter of Samuel and Lucretia (Babcock) Perigo. They have three children: William, born in 1866, lives in Union City; Warren, born in 1875, lives in Erie; and Dora, married Earl J. Howland, lives in Union City. They have six grandchildren: Charles, Carol, Cecil, and Genevieve Goodwin; and Dorothy and Donald Howland. They also have a great-grandchild, William Goodwin.

Politically Mr. Goodwin is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has served as trustee for a number of years, and he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Frank A. Klein is among the progressive and enterprising business men of Erie, where he is proprietor of the Erie Gold & Silver Plating Company. He was born in this city, March 21, 1879, and is the son of John Joseph and Helen (Steimer) Klein.

At the age of 13 years John Joseph Klein came to this country from Germany with his parents and settled in Erie, where he worked at his trade as cigarmaker. Later he engaged in that business and operated a factory here for a number of years. He died in 1922 and his wife, also a native of Germany, died March 11, 1924. Mr. and Mrs. Klein had nine children.

Frank A. Klein attended the public schools of Erie and when a young man engaged in the cigar manufacturing business with his brother Oscar. In 1918 he established his present business, which is located at 2351 Poplar Street.

On Aug. 31, 1894, Mr. Klein was married to Miss Frances Drexler, the daughter of Joseph and Anna (Brobest) Drexler, natives of Germany. Mr. Drexler was a farmer and died in 1907. His wife resides in Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Klein were born eight children, as follows: Madeline A., a bookkeeper employed by the Erie Nut & Bolt Company; Richard Joseph, associated in business with his father; Robert George, a student; Carl, deceased; Joseph; Charles; Mary; and Frank, Jr.

Mr. Klein is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic church and a highly esteemed member of his community. He has been president of the Knights of St. George for 15 years, having built the building at 18th and Cherry in 1913.

FRANK A. KLEIN

S. V. Stewart, vice president and general manager of the Ajax Iron Works, is a prominent business man and highly esteemed citizen of Corry. He was born at Morrisville, N. Y., March 27, 1883, and is the son of James S. and Emmeline (Tucker) Stewart.

James S. Stewart was a native of Stewartstown, Canada. He was a graduate of Colgate University and became a leading attorney of Morrisville, N. Y. He was a Republican and was prominent in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, deceased, were the parents of five children: John A., who has been president of the New York State Republican League for a number of years, lives in New York city; James B., lives in New York city; Mary, married John H. Broad, lives at Morrisville N. Y.; Elizabeth, lives at Morrisville, N. Y.; and S. V., the subject of this sketch.

S. V. Stewart was educated in the public and high schools of Morrisville; was graduated from Mercersburg Academy in 1903, and from Cornell University in 1907 as a mechanical engineer. He immediately came to Corry where he became connected with the Ajax Iron Works as an engineer. He is secretary and treasurer of the Standard Automotive Products Company of Corry, and president of the Corry Hotel Company.

In 1911 Mr. Stewart was married to Miss A. C. Corcoran, a native of Lowville, N. Y.

In politics Mr. Stewart is identified with the Republican party. He is president of the Corry Country club and belongs to the Elks lodge and Kiwanis club.

Dr. Andrew J. Sherwood, who has practiced his profession at Union City for the past 20 years, is among the capable physicians and surgeons of Erie County. He was born here, Feb. 20, 1878, and is the son of Dr. Alfred C. and Emma V. (Jackson) Sherwood.

Dr. Alfred C. Sherwood, deceased, was recognized as one of the best surgeons in this section of the state. He was born in Erie County, the eldest son of F. W. M. and Evaline (Trow) Sherwood, the former a native of Erie County and the latter of Chautauqua County, N. Y.

The Sherwood family settled in Erie County in 1814 and traces its origin to Thomas Sherwood, who was born in Sherwood Forest, near Nottingham, England, in 1585, and who settled at Fairfield, Conn., in 1632.

Dr. Alfred C. Sherwood received his early education in Erie County and attended Edinboro State Normal School. He read medicine with Dr. H. R. Terry, then located in Union City, for four years, after which he entered

the University of Pennsylvania, Medical Department, from which he was graduated with honor March 13, 1873. He practiced his profession in Union City continuously for 38 years, and died there Sept. 25, 1911. On Jan. 20, 1876, he was united in marriage with Miss Emma V. Jackson, who still resides in Union City. They had seven children, as follows: Daisy M., married F. H. Roth, lives retired in Union City; Andrew J., the subject of this sketch; Belle E., married Merle N. Smith, assistant general agent of the Carnegie Steel Company, lives in Pittsburgh; Rose, married Wayne Paullin, a merchant, Pittsburgh; Frederick, died in infancy; Beatrice, married Reese Carroll, electrical engineer, lives at Woodlawn, Pa.; and Alton, died in infancy.

Dr. Andrew J. Sherwood received his early schooling in the public schools of Union City and was graduated from Bucknell College. He was graduated from the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1903, and after two years in hospital work, engaged in the practice of his profession at Union City.

On July 15, 1907, Dr. Sherwood was married to Miss Emma V. Anderson, of Rouseville, Pa., and the daughter of Isaac and Lena (Johnson) Anderson, natives of Sweden, and residents of Rouseville. They have three children: Julia, married Charles Wynne, lives at Portland, Ore.; Lillian, married William Dougherty, expert accountant with the Standard Oil Company, Oil City, Pa.; and Mrs. Sherwood. To Doctor and Mrs. Sherwood three children have been born: Alfred C., born April 27, 1908, died Oct. 12, 1917; Richard Miller, born Jan. 27, 1919; and John Norman, born May 20, 1923.

Doctor Sherwood is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Masonic lodge. He has a wide acquaintance in Erie County and is highly esteemed.

Eugene D. Clough is an enterprising and progressive business man of Erie County, and is identified with the Standard Chair Company of Union City. He was born at Spartansburg, Erie County, Nov. 13, 1864, and is the son of Walter R. and Melissa H. (Smith) Clough.

Walter R. Clough and his wife were natives of Chautauqua County, N. Y., born in 1826 and 1828 respectively. He was among the early settlers of Erie County and operated a farm near Spartansburg for many years. Later he engaged in fruit farming near Cleveland, Ohio. He served throughout the Civil War and died in February, 1906. His wife

died Feb. 5, 1918. They were the parents of seven children: Lee S., lives retired at Warren, Pa.; Emma, married Edwin Bidwell, both deceased; Catherine, married Dr. C. G. Ashley, both deceased; George W., lives on the old homestead near Cleveland; Alton J., lives near Cleveland; Eugene D., the subject of this sketch; and C. L., who is also connected with the Standard Chair Company as treasurer and purchasing agent.

Eugene D. Clough was reared and educated in Cleveland and in 1881 removed to Union City where he completed his schooling. He became interested in the lumber business with his brother, Lee S., and in 1906 they organized the Standard Chair Company, which is among the leading industries of Union City.

On June 28, 1888, Mr. Clough was married to Miss Lena F. Watters, a native of Union Township, born in 1867, and a daughter of Alonzo and Jeanette (Fenno) Watters, deceased, and the parents of the following children: Leta, married Fred W. Burnham, lives in Erie; Fred, lives in Colorado; E. R., lives in Union Township. Mr. Watters died Nov. 10, 1894, and his wife died in 1906. To Mr. and Mrs. Clough have been born four children: Carlton Eugene, born Nov. 4, 1889, bookkeeper of the Union Coal & Supply Company, Union City, married Prudence Fox; Laverne W., born March 13, 1892, with the Standard Chair Company, is a veteran of the World War, married Helen Alice Jones of Syracuse, N. Y., and they have a son, Emory Eugene, born June 22, 1923; Sarah Margaret, born in 1895, died in 1899; and Helen Jeanette, born in 1900, lives at home.

J. B. V. Smiley is a representative and well known citizen of Union City, where he lives retired. He was born here Jan. 20, 1841, and is the son of Moses and Margaret (Marshall) Smiley.

James Smiley, grandfather of J. B. V., was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving under General Harrison. He came to Union City and operated the first grist mill in the town. Moses Smiley was born in Meadville, Pa., and followed farming for a number of years. He served as post master, justice of the peace, and school director. Mr. and Mrs. Smiley, deceased, were the parents of the following children: J. B. V., the subject of this sketch; Perry, a Civil War veteran, deceased; D. G., a merchant, Union City; Addison, Emma, and Ida are deceased, and Lillian, the widow of J. W. Wescott, lives in Union City.

J. B. V. Smiley was reared and educated in Union City, and attended Iron City College, Pittsburgh. He began his business career in the em-

ploy of Woods & Johnson, dry goods merchants of Union City. In 1869 he engaged in the mercantile business with G. W. Johnson and D. G. Smiley, his brother. They did business under the firm name of Johnson & Smiley Brothers, for five years, when the firm was dissolved, and Smiley Brothers engaged in conducting a general store. Mr. Smiley has been retired since 1915. He has served as school director for 30 years, and is at present purchasing agent for the local school board.

On Jan. 3, 1865, Mr. Smiley was married to Miss Addie Perry, a native of Crawford County, Pa., born in 1838, and the daughter of John A. and Angeline Perry. She died in 1896, leaving three children: Eugene F., born in 1867, lives in Union City; William, born in 1870, lives in Union City; and Cora May, born in 1873, married D. A. Conway, and she lives with her parents. In 1897 Mr. Smiley was married to Miss Florence Sexton, a native of Ellicottville, N. Y., born in 1856.

Mr. Smiley is a member of the Baptist church and has served as treasurer, trustee, and Sunday School superintendent. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He and his family are favorably known in Erie County.

Claude M. Northrop, of Union City, was born in Union Township, June 17, 1878, and is a son of Frank and Anna (Lawrence) Northrop.

Frank Northrop was a native of Union Township as was his wife. He spent his early life as head sawyer in a sawmill and later specialized in dairy farming. Mr. Northrop was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian church. He died May 28, 1923, and his wife died Nov. 27, 1922. They are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Union City. Mr. and Mrs. Northrop had five children, as follows: Claude M., the subject of this sketch; Marion, married Fred Luce, an engineer on the Erie Railroad, lives at Meadville, Pa.; Helen, married Elmer Hunter, lives in Erie; Waive, married Merle Akins, a farmer, Union Township; and Merle, a farmer, lives on the home place in Union Township.

Claude M. Northrop spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He has been in the employ of the Union City Chair Company since 1894, and lives at 59 West High Street.

On Nov. 27, 1898, Mr. Northrop was united in marriage with Miss Maud Carroll, a native of Bloomfield Township, Crawford County, Pa., born Nov. 27, 1878, and a daughter of George and Ellen (Foster) Carroll, natives of Pennsylvania. The father is deceased. There were eight chil-

dren in the Carroll family: Lynn, lives at Sheffield, Pa.; Mrs. Northrop; Harry, deceased; Grace, married Roy Weed, lives in Cleveland, Ohio; Eva, married William Hughy, lives at Sheffield, Pa.; Charles lives in Erie; Della, married Dan McGibbon, lives at Elwood City, Pa.; and Raymond, lives in Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Northrop two children were born, Donald and Dorothy, twins, born Jan. 7, 1900. On Sept. 20, 1924, Dorothy Northrop was married to Kew Ritterbush, and they live in Cleveland. Donald Northrop is a state highway inspector and lives at home.

Mr. Northrop is identified with the Republican party, is a member of the Methodist church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is held in high regard throughout the community, and is an excellent citizen.

Dr. Charles Payne, deceased, was recognized as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Erie County. He was born in Canada, Dec. 10, 1842, the son of Charles and Jane (Whitney) Payne.

Charles Payne was a native of Sheffield, Eng., and a graduate of Oxford University, where he specialized in the study of pharmacy. At an early age he settled in Canada, where he spent the remainder of his life. His wife was born at Dublin, Ireland. There were five children in the Payne family: Mary, Henry, Frances, Sarah, and Charles, all of whom are deceased.

Dr. Charles Payne received his early education in Canada and studied medicine in England. After completing his education he came to the United States and served during the Civil War as a commissary clerk. He began the practice of his profession at Meadville, Pa., and was associated with Dr. Theodore Lashells, and later attended Western Reserve University, Cleveland, from which he received his degree in 1869. He then established his practice at Riceville, Crawford County, Pa., where he remained for 40 years, after which he located at Spartonsburg, Pa., for six years. In 1892-93 he took a post graduate course in operating surgery at the Poly-Clinic, New York city. Dr. Payne then took post graduate work at the Chicago Poly-Clinic in 1914-15. In June, 1915, he came to Union City, where he was successfully engaged in practice until his death, Oct. 12, 1922. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Union City.

On July 10, 1877, Dr. Payne was united in marriage with Miss Vella N. Markham, of Panama, N. Y., born Jan. 30, 1857, and the daughter of George and Charlotte (Cowles) Markham. Mr. Markham was a native

of Oneida County, N. Y., who in 1858 settled at Riceville, Pa., where he was successfully engaged in the mercantile business for 50 years. He died in 1906 and his wife died in 1910. They had two children: Dr. Frank L., a pioneer physician and surgeon of Crawford County, who died in 1911; and Mrs. Payne. Dr. and Mrs. Payne had no children.

Doctor Payne was a Republican, a member of the Church of England, and belonged to the Masonic lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The self sacrifice and tireless devotion to his line of duty won for Doctor Payne the gratitude of the patients in his charge and he was at all times alert to their needs and watchful of their comfort and care.

Mrs. Charles Payne resides at 6 South Street, Union City.

Frank D. Burt is a highly esteemed citizen of Union City where he is connected with the Erie Railroad as station agent and manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company. He was born at Cambridge Springs, Pa., June 26, 1851, and is the son of Zenas and Lucy (Thomas) Burt.

Zenas Burt was born at Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 4, 1806, and was a tanner by trade. He located at Cambridge, Pa., now Cambridge Springs, in 1832, and built the first tannery in that place, which he conducted for 40 years. He died March 28, 1897, and his wife, died April 13, 1885. They are buried at Cambridge Springs, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Burt the following children were born: Howard, deceased; George, died while in service during the Civil War, as a member of Company E, 83rd Regiment; Samuel, died while studying for the ministry, at Hamilton, N. Y.; Rev. Daniel, deceased, was a minister of the Baptist church for 50 years; John B., deceased, was also a Civil War veteran; Mary, married Rev. J. H. Miller, a minister of the Baptist church for 56 years, both now deceased; James P., deceased; Emily, married Frank Kidder, both deceased; and Frank D., the subject of this sketch.

Frank D. Burt began life as a telegrapher and received his education as a night school student. He has been in the employ of the Erie railroad since 1866, and is the second oldest employe in the company's service on the first division.

On Sept. 16, 1874, Mr. Burt was married to Miss Myrtilla Bishop, a native of Erie County, born March 28, 1854, and died in June, 1919. She was the daughter of Levi and Electa (Griswold) Bishop, who were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Burt; Rose, the widow of William Hammond, founder of the Hammond Iron Works, Warren, Pa.; Anna, married

Horace Scruby, both deceased; and Nellie, married Rev. A. B. Miller, lives at Jamestown, N. Y. To Mr. and Mrs. Burt four children were born: Dr. Judson M., a physician, Caledonia, N. Y.; Fred Bishop lives at Jamestown, N. Y.; Lucy, married John Steves, Union City; and Bertha, married Harrison Ingraham, Binghamton, N. Y.

Mr. Burt is a Democrat, a member of the Baptist church and belongs to the Masonic lodge.

Samuel Edward Kamerer is among the successful and well known business men of Erie County. He is the owner of the J. F. Kamerer Company, one of the most important of the industrial interests of Union City, which has gained a wide reputation as lumber and handle manufacturers. He was born in this city, Aug. 28, 1876, the son of Jacob Frederick and Margaret H. (McIntyre) Kamerer.

Jacob F. Kamerer, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Wurtenberg, Germany, April 4, 1839, the son of John and Dorothy (Breakley) Kamerer. In 1847 the family came to the United States and choosing McKean Township, Erie County, as their place of settlement, they became useful and well known residents there. Jacob Kamerer followed agricultural pursuits until 1861, when he went to Canada. During the same year he volunteered for service in the Civil War and was a member of Company F, 169th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. After the close of the war he went to Oil Creek, Pa., as an oil speculator, and the following year to Fayette County, Pa., where he engaged in drilling oil wells. This proved an unsatisfactory venture and he returned north and located in Union City where in 1872 he began the manufacture of lumber, shingles, and broom handles. He died Jan. 8, 1901. He was a Democrat and served as mayor of Union City for two terms. He held membership in the Baptist Church and was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic. To Mr. and Mrs. Kamerer one son was born, Samuel Edward, the subject of this sketch, with whom the mother now makes her home.

Samuel Edward Kamerer was educated in the schools of Union City and at an early age engaged in business with his father, in which he has since been interested.

On Jan. 25, 1898, Mr. Kamerer was married to Miss Etta McLallen, of Washington Township, Erie County, and the daugher of H. M. and Eva (Hotchkiss) McLallen. Mr. McLallen died Aug. 7, 1909, and his wife died

Dec. 21, 1912. They had six children: Minnie, married H. W. Pollock, lives in California; Stella, married W. C. Johnson, lives in Washington Township, Erie County; Mrs. Kamerer; Abbie, married Clyde M. Shreve, lives in Union Township, Erie County; Anna, married E. O. Racoup, lives at Cambridge Springs, Pa.; and Ward, lives at North East, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Kamerer have no children.

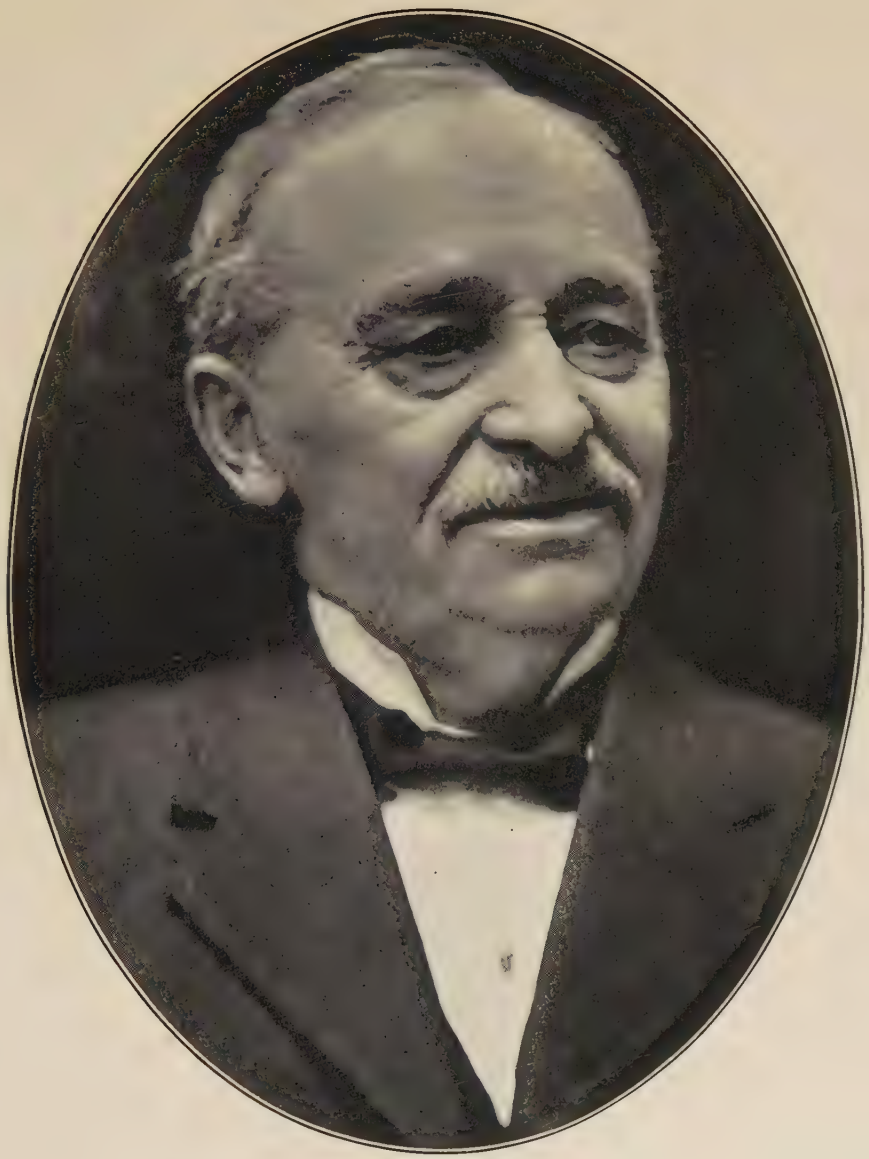
Politically Mr. Kamerer is a Democrat. He is identified with the Masonic lodge and the Odd Fellows.

William R. Beckman is among the progressive and successful merchants of Erie, where he conducts a well established grocery business. He was born at 117 West 4th Street, Erie, Pa., Jan. 25, 1867, and is the son of Henry and Annie (Oaks) Beckman.

In 1837 the Beckman family came to America from Hanover, Germany, and located in Erie. The present grocery firm of Henry Beckman & Son was established in 1860 at the foot of State Street and has developed into the finest establishment of its kind in the city. Shortly after arriving in the city, Henry Beckman's father was drowned, and Henry was forced to make his way in the world at an early age. He entered the employ of Mr. Rindernecht, a pioneer grocer. Later he purchased an interest in the business and finally became sole owner. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beckman two sons were born: William R., the subject of this sketch; and Samuel O., who conducted the Erie Chemical Works for 30 years and now lives retired in Monrovia, Cal., and has two children: Ann Oakes, wife of J. N. Bugbee, and Olive G., wife of Albert P. Seymour. Both live in California.

William R. Beckman grew up in Erie and received his education in the public schools. He has always been interested in the business established by his father and in 1919 purchased his brother's interest in it. Mr. Beckman carries a complete line of high-grade domestic and imported goods and has an extensive trade. His store is located at 506 State Street. He also owns the old homestead where he was born, and a 55-acre vegetable farm in Erie County, produce from which is sold in his store.

On Sept. 21, 1891, Mr. Beckman was united in marriage with Miss Sarah K. McKnight, a native of Erie, born April 8, 1867, and the daughter of John S. and Sarah (Cook) McKnight. John S. McKnight was born on a farm in Crawford County, Pa., April 29, 1830, and at the age of 21



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years located in Erie. After coming to Erie he worked for the Erie & North East Railroad, now a part of the New York Central System, for 11 years. He was an elder in the first United Presbyterian Church for 33 years, and a charter member of the Y. M. C. A. He was one of the organizers of the Erie Cemetery Association. He became a well known grocer of this city and continued in that business until 1882, when he entered the insurance business. He died in 1920 and his wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McKnight had four children: Mrs. Alfred K. (McKnight) Riblet, died in 1891; Jessie, died in 1869; Mary E., a teacher in the Erie schools; and Mrs. William R. Beckman. To Mr. and Mrs. Beckman three children were born: Margaret Eleanor; Henrietta, a bookkeeper in the Erie Trust Company; and Irland, mention of whom is made below.

Irland McKnight Beckman was born Sept. 28, 1897, in Erie, Pa., and received his preparatory education in the high school, Erie, Pa., and the Roxbury Tutoring School, New Haven, Conn. He was in the class of 1919, Yale University for a year, and at Sheffield he took the mechanical engineering course. In 1918-19 he entered the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., but later resigned. He then went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he bought and sold war bonds for Otio & Company for 15 months, when he resigned to finish his college education. He then entered the University of Pennsylvania and took a two years course in finance at the Whorton School, after which he made application for the position of state bank examiner and was appointed junior examiner for about three months and later senior examiner for one year. On Sept. 28, 1924, he was appointed third deputy secretary in the banking department, and now has offices in the State Capitol at Harrisburg, Pa.

The Beckman family is representative of the best citizenship of the community.

Frank Lincoln Glenn, a citizen of Union County, highly esteemed for his integrity and industry, is a native of Erie County. He was born in Erie, Dec. 22, 1861, and is the son of Samuel and Eliza Jane (Graham) Glenn.

Samuel Glenn was a native of Mercer County, Pa., born July 25, 1817. In 1840 he came to Erie where he worked at his trade of wood turner in the employ of Henry Shank. Later he engaged in farming on 49 acres of land in Summit Township, Erie County, and in 1871 settled in Union City,

where he was employed by J. W. Hunter. He died June 22, 1900, and his wife, a native of Erie County, died April 13, 1881. To Mr. and Mrs. Glenn five children were born: Perry G., deceased, served as probate judge for many years in Minnesota; Samuel Edward, died in 1880; Eliza J., lives in Union City; Frank Lincoln, the subject of this sketch; and Alexander C., died in 1896.

Frank Lincoln Glenn was reared and educated in Union City and after completing his high school course was a teacher in Erie County for five years. He then went to Minnesota, where he was employed as a school teacher. However, in 1898 he returned to Erie and served in the employ of the local post office as a carrier for 12 years. He has since lived in Union City, and is the only hand wood turner in the city. He lives at 17 Wattsburg Street.

On March 18, 1891, Mr. Glenn was united in marriage with Miss Sarah E. Davis, who was born at Corry, Pa., March 18, 1867, and to them were born five children: Marian, born Feb. 2, 1892, died April 14, 1900; Gertrude Edith, born March 10, 1894, married April 1, 1914, to LeRoy E. Hart, lives at North East, and they have a son, William Glenn Hart, born Dec. 11, 1915; Lawrence Dayton, born Feb. 27, 1897, lives in Erie; Robert M., born April 10, 1904; and Mildred E., born Nov. 4, 1906.

Mr. Glenn is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his family are favorably known and dependable citizens of Erie County.

Comer B. Main, prominent druggist of Union City, is among the pioneer business men of Erie County. He was born at Jordan, Onondaga County, N. Y., May 1, 1856, and is the son of Perry and Anna (Shaw) Main.

Perry J. Main, a native of Connecticut, but later of New York, came to Erie County in 1865 and settled at Union City, where he was employed as a cooper. To Mr. and Mrs. Main were born five children: Almerian, deceased; Alduretta, married Rudolph Fuller, both deceased; Jerome B., deceased; Comer B., the subject of this sketch; and Henry H., lives in Lincoln, Neb.

Comer B. Main was educated in the public schools of Union City and at an early age engaged in the drug business in the employ of various druggists of the city. He has been unusually successful in his work, in which he has engaged for over 50 years, and he is the oldest business man

on Main street. He has been in his present location since 1890, and is the owner of the building.

On Nov. 16, 1880, Mr. Main was married to Miss Ada Sherwood, a native of Union Township, Erie County, born July 1, 1861, and the daughter of Burman and Jane (Courtney) Sherwood, the former a native of New York and the latter of Erie County. Mr. Sherwood was born March 22, 1810, and was six years old when his parents settled near Waterford. He became a prominent citizen of his time and served as road commissioner and school director. He died Sept. 24, 1900, and his wife died Jan. 31, 1896. They were the parents of 14 children, Mrs. Main being the youngest. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Twentieth Century Club, and an active member of the First Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Main have two adopted children: (1) Henry Ross Main, born Jan. 30, 1898, served throughout the World War with Company A, 112th Infantry, was wounded and gassed while in service, married Dorothy Crippen, and they have two children: Yvonne C., born Dec. 2, 1921; and Lura Lee, born Jan. 25, 1923. (2) Lura Ross Main, born Feb. 13, 1899, married Albert L. Bloss, also a World War veteran. He is a prescription druggist for the Liggitt Drug Store, of Erie.

Mr. Main and his family hold membership in the Baptist church. He is a Democrat.

Harry A. Lane is among Union City's dependable citizens. He was born at Rochester, Ind., Aug. 18, 1881, and is the son of William A. and Emma E. (Clark) Lane.

Both William A. Lane and his wife were natives of Indiana, where they spent their entire lives. He was a baker and for many years conducted a shop at Rochester, Ind. He died Feb. 3, 1917, and his wife died April 20, 1899. They had four children: Harry A., the subject of this sketch; George W., in the government mail service at Chicago, Ill.; Zella, married Wesley Ward, lives in Union City; and Roy, a World War veteran, lives at Rouseville, Pa.

Harry A. Lane attended the public schools of Rochester and began his business career in Hammond, Ind. In 1905 he removed to Erie County and entered the employ of the Union City Chair Company, with whom he has since been identified. He is now a foreman.

On Sept. 13, 1902, Mr. Lane was married to Miss Anna L. Bentley, of Union City, born March 5, 1882, and the daughter of Herbert and Sarah

(Barnett) Bentley, natives of Erie County. Mr. Bentley is deceased and his widow resides in Union City. They had five children: May, married Adolph Allen, lives in Montana; Blanche, married A. E. Hatch, lives in Montana; Florence, married Charles Davidson, lives in Union City; Mrs. Lane; and Lou, married Del Casler, lives in Erie County. Mr. and Mrs. Lane have a son, Herbert, born Aug. 9, 1903.

Mr. Lane is a Republican, a member of the Methodist church, and is Sunday School superintendent, and he is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his family have a wide acquaintance in the community and are favorably known.

Frederick K. Riedel is a veteran of the World War and a highly esteemed citizen of Union City, where he is engaged in fish culture and is superintendent of the local hatchery. He is a native of Mount Pleasant Township, Wayne County, Pa., born Feb. 24, 1887, and the son of Frederick and Henrietta Riedel.

After completing his schooling in the public schools he became interested in his present work in Union City. He was inducted into service during the World War and sent to Camp Mead, Maryland, with the 54th Depot Brigade, attached to the 306th Field Artillery, 79th Division and later to the 77th Division. After 12 months overseas service, in which he was engaged in many important battles and drives, Mr. Riedel was discharged at Camp Dix, N. J., May 10, 1919.

On April 20, 1922, Mr. Riedel was united in marriage with Miss Elsie Robinson, of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Riedel is a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Masonic lodge. He is a Republican and is well known in Erie County.

Cornelius Martineau, retired, is a well known citizen of Union City and a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in New York city, Sept. 18, 1845, the son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Betts) Martineau.

Cornelius and Elizabeth Martineau were natives of New York city where they spent their entire life. He died in 1867 and she died in 1871. They were the parents of 15 children, only two of whom are now living: Cornelius, the subject of this sketch; and Walter, a retired building contractor, lives in Staten Island, N. Y.

Cornelius Martineau was reared and educated in New York and was a member of the city police force there for 28 years. In 1896 he removed

to Erie County and spent the following two years on a farm in West Green Township. He then lived in Erie until March, 1909, and has since resided in Union City.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Mr. Martineau enlisted in Company A, 82nd New York Volunteer Infantry and was in active service for four and one-half years.

In 1869 Mr. Martineau was married to Miss Sophia L. Young, born at Staten Island, N. Y., in 1845, and to them were born four children: William, deceased; Clarence, retired police officer, lives in New York city; Louise, married Charles Wright, New York city; and Cornelia, deceased. After his wife's death, Mr. Martineau was married Jan. 3, 1894, to Miss Celia Bliley, who was born at Hammett, Pa., Aug. 5, 1864, and the daughter of Ferdinand and Gertrude (Yosten) Bliley. Mr. Bliley died in September, 1886, and his wife died Aug. 28, 1877.

Mr. Martineau is a Republican, a member of the Baptist church and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Leander A. Mason is an enterprising and progressive citizen of Union City, where he is engaged in the general merchandise business. He was born at Penfield, N. Y., Oct. 26, 1855, and is the son of Asa G. and Elizabeth (Dingman) Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa G. Mason, deceased, were the parents of the following children: William, deceased, was a Civil War veteran; George B. lives in Toledo, Ohio; Anna, married Joseph Doty, a Civil War veteran, both deceased; L. A., the subject of this sketch; and A. G., lives in Cleveland.

L. A. Mason began life as a newsboy in Cleveland, Ohio, and later lived in Detroit, Mich. He later lived on a farm at Bedford, Ohio, and was for 20 years associated with J. B. Lewis of Sandusky, N. Y. After various other business ventures Mr. Mason came to Union City in 1913 and since 1923 has conducted his present place of business at 30 North Main Street.

On June 27, 1914, Mr. Mason was united in marriage with Miss Ada Kamerer, of Union City, and the daughter of J. F. and Eliza (Johnson) Kamerer, natives of Germany and Pennsylvania, respectively. Mr. Kamerer was a prominent citizen of Union City and died Jan. 8, 1900. His wife died in 1875. They had four children: Fred, lives in Tennessee; Mrs. Mason; Robert, deceased; and Edward S., a manufacturer of Union

City, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. Mrs. Mason was first married to Grow Kellog, and they had one child, Neva K., who married Robert C. Smiley, and they have two children, Robert and Joyce. Mr. Mason had four children by a former wife: Minnie and Elizabeth, living at Seattle, Wash.; Charles L., died in infancy; and Cora is married and lives at Arcade, N. Y. The Smiley family lives in Cleveland.

Mr. Mason is a Republican, a member of the Baptist church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a man highly esteemed in Erie County.

Arthur W. Barber is a successful business man and highly esteemed citizen of Union City. He was born on a farm in Wayne Township, Erie County, Nov. 24, 1873, and is the son of George W. and Martha E. (Hayes) Barber.

George W. Barber was born in New Hampshire and his wife was a native of Amity Township, Erie County. At the age of 10 years with his parents he settled in Erie County at Corry, where he remained for six years. He then engaged in farming in Amity Township and in 1902 went to Washington, where he operated a saw mill for a number of years. Later, he returned to Erie County and now lives retired with his son, Arthur W., in Union City. His wife died Nov. 20, 1924. They were the parents of three children: Arthur W., the subject of this sketch; Oliver E., lives at Beaver, Pa.; and Edith E., married Brenton Hatch, lives in Erie.

Arthur W. Barber was educated in the schools of Wattsburg, Pa., and attended Clark's Commercial College, Erie. For 13 years he engaged in commercial photography and in 1900 became interested in the monument business at Wattsburg. In 1909 he located in Union City, where he has since conducted his business in a most successful manner. He has a well equipped factory and operates the finest monument works in this section of the state.

On June 29, 1904, Mr. Barber was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Parker, born in Wayne Township, Erie County, Aug. 14, 1878, and the daughter of Cephas and Julia (Adams) Parker. Mr. Parker served throughout the Civil War and died Dec. 31, 1912. His widow lived at Wattsburg, Pa., until her death, Feb. 15, 1925. They were natives of Wayne Township, Erie County, and the parents of the following children: Harley, died in January, 1923; Carrie, deceased; Mrs. Barber; and Lizzie

married Joseph Hamilton, lives at Wattsburg, Pa. To Arthur W. and Gertrude (Parker) Barber have been born four children: Julia Elizabeth, born Dec. 4, 1905, was graduated from high school in 1925; Doris Marie, Born Oct. 18, 1909; Olive Irene, born April 20, 1912; and Melvin L., born Oct. 8, 1913.

Politically, Mr. Barber is a Republican. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church and have a wide acquaintance in the community in which they live.

James O'Rourke, deceased, was for many years a prominent and successful farmer of Union Township. He was born in Ireland, and was a son of John and Honorah (Haley) O'Rourke.

The O'Rourke family came to this country from Ireland many years ago and located at Columbus, Ohio. After ten years residence there they removed to Erie County and settled on the present O'Rourke farm in Union Township. John O'Rourke died in 1883 and his wife died in 1877. They are buried in the Union City Catholic Cemetery. There were six children in the O'Rourke family. James, the subject of this sketch, Catherine, Michael, Thomas, Michael, and Mary, all of whom are deceased.

James O'Rourke was 15 years of age when his parents came to America. He engaged in general farming and stock raising his entire life and met with success. He died May 29, 1897. His widow lives on the home place in Union Township, where she has spent 50 years. She now owns 84 acres of land.

In 1875 Mr. O'Rourke was married to Miss Bridget Frawley, a native of Canada, and the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Burns) Frawley. Mr. Frawley settled in Canada after coming to this country and later lived in Kentucky. In 1867 he removed to Corry, Pa., where he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. He died April 8, 1904, and his wife died Jan. 25, 1907. To Mr. and Mrs. O'Rourke 11 children were born, as follows: Thomas, lives at home; John, lives in Erie; James, died in 1907; Hanorah, married Frank Hanlon, lives in Union City; Mary, died in 1917; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Nicholas Costello; Francis, died in infancy; Catherine, Agnes, and Rosella, all deceased; and Joseph, mention of whom is made below.

Joseph O'Rourke, who operates the home farm, is a veteran of the World War. He was inducted into service and served with Company E, 18th Infantry. Mr. O'Rourke was seriously wounded during the Meuse-

Argonne offensive, Oct. 9, 1918, and spent three years in hospitals undergoing operations and receiving treatments.

James O'Rourke was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic church. He was known in his community as an upright and reliable citizen.

Dr. William G. Allen is widely and favorably known among the successful young physicians and surgeons of Erie. He was born at Mattock, Iowa, in April, 1888, and is the son of William and Jennie (Murdock) Allen.

William Allen was born in Scotland and after coming to this country located in Minnesota, where he engaged in farming. His wife, a native of Joliet, Ill., died at the age of 33 years, leaving six children, as follows: Eleanor, lives in Minnesota; Dr. William G., the subject of this sketch; Alice, died when 19 years of age; Bertha and Belle, died in infancy; and Gilbert, resides in Erie.

Dr. William G. Allen attended the public schools of Norcross, Minn., and in 1906 was graduated from high school. After attending Williston Seminary at Easthampton, Mass., he was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1918, where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. His interne work was done at Hamot Hospital, Erie, Pa., after which he began his practice in Erie at 101 East 18th Street, where he has been very successful. Doctor Allen is a member of the staffs of Hamot Hospital and the Infant's Home.

On Dec. 22, 1915, Doctor Allen was married to Miss Edna Brogan, a native of Philadelphia.

Doctor Allen is identified with the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and the Erie County Medical Society. He is a member of the Masonic and Elks lodges.

Clifford F. Hober, superintendent of the Merrell Soule Company, is one of the well known and successful business men of Union City. He was born in Potter County, Pa., April 14, 1893, and is the son of Francis M. and Rosetta (Canfield) Hober.

Francis M. Hober was a native of Steuben County, N. Y., and his wife was born in Pennsylvania. Many years ago he removed to Potter County, where he engaged in general farming. He died Jan. 21, 1914, and his wife died Jan. 22, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Hober had five children: Eugene, deceased; Mabel, married B. C. Hendryx, lives at Akron, Ohio; Ruby, de-

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ceased, was the wife of C. A. Merritt; Clifford F., the subject of this sketch; and one child died in infancy.

Clifford F. Hober was educated in the public schools at Honeoye, Pa., and in June, 1914, entered the employ of the Merrell Soule Company, at Arcade, N. Y., transferred to Gainesville, N. Y., in 1920 as superintendent. On June 6, 1921, he was transferred to the local plant as superintendent, which is his present position. The local plant of the Merrell Soule Company was built in 1913 and is one of the leading industries of Union City. Thirty men are employed and during the busy season 100,000 lbs. of milk are handled daily. The officers of the Merrell Soule Company are: F. C. Soule, president, Syracuse, N. Y.; I. S. Merrell, vice-president, Syracuse, N. Y.; and A. C. Beardslee, general superintendent, Arcade, N. Y. Twelve plants are operated throughout the United States and six in Canada. Their products include: butter, cream, and powdered milk.

On June 7, 1913, Mr. Hober was married to Miss Isabel LeBar, a native of Pennsylvania, born Dec. 14, 1893, and the daughter of W. S. and Alice (Whitney) LeBar, residents of Union City. To Mr. and Mrs. Hober have been born two children: Robert M., born June 10, 1920; and Ardrath M., born March 2, 1923.

Mr. Hober holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is a Republican.

A. D. McEntarfer, an enterprising and successful business man of Union City, engaged in the contracting and transfer business, was born at Waterloo, Ind., Nov. 16, 1872, and is the son of A. L. and Julia (Daniels) McEntarfer.

A. L. McEntarfer, deceased, was a native of Canton, Ohio. At an early age he removed to Waterloo, Ind., where he spent the remainder of his life. He died in July, 1905, and his wife died Oct. 28, 1917. They had three children: Lillian, married Frank Alexander, lives at Union City; A. D., the subject of this sketch; and Jessie, married Edward Musser, lives in Indiana.

A. D. McEntarfer attended the schools of Waterloo and when a young man engaged in the contracting business there with his father. Feb. 10, 1896, he came to Erie County and established himself in business at Union City, where he has since resided.

Mr. McEntarfer was married to Miss Etta Crittenden, Union City, Pa., and the daughter of Cyrus and Susan (Aldrich) Crittenden, who were the

parents of the following children: William R., lives at Wesleyville, N. Y.; Henry M., lives at Union City; and Mrs. McEntarfer. Mr. and Mrs. McEntarfer have three children: Rev. Clifford A., born Nov. 9, 1897, a minister of the Methodist church, lives at North Muskegon, Mich., married Louise Plate, of Erie, and they have two children, Wesley and Joyce; Izola R., born Dec. 18, 1899, married H. A. Davis, lives in Union City, and they have two children, Calvin C. and Elizabeth; and Owen C., born Aug. 21, 1903, married Ida L. Sutter, lives in Union City.

Mr. McEntarfer is a Republican, a member of the Methodist church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a substantial citizen of Erie County and is well known.

Wesley Davison, deceased, was among the prominent pioneers of Erie County. He was born in Richmond Township, Crawford County, Pa., March 18, 1833, and died March 12, 1900. He was the son of William Gordon and Jane Ann (Reed) Davison.

The Davison family came to Pennsylvania from Massachusetts in 1833 and established their home in Crawford County. There were nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. William G. Davison: Wesley, Sillick, Elizabeth, Lewis, Esther, Priscilla, Orpha, Diana, all of whom are deceased; and William.

Wesley Davison spent the early part of his life in Crawford County and in 1881 removed to Erie County. He engaged in general farming and stock raising during his life and was successful. He is buried in Evergreen cemetery, Union City.

On March 13, 1856, Mr. Davison was married to Miss Cynthia Amelia Thompson, who was born at Union Mills, now Union City, April 4, 1838, the daughter of Samuel and Betsy (Ames) Thompson. Mrs. Davison died in March, 1925.

The Thompson family is among the oldest and most prominent in Erie County, the progenitor having come here about 1800 to erect the first mill in what is now Union City. Samuel Thompson was born Jan. 23, 1803, the son of Job, who was the son of Abel, who served in the Revolution. On Oct. 26, 1823, Samuel Thompson was married, first, to Miss Betsy Ames, who was born Nov. 20, 1805, and died May 9, 1842. They had seven children: Sally, Lucinda, Samuel, Horace, Mrs. Davison, and two children who died in infancy. Mr. Thompson was married the second time Sept. 5, 1845, to Miss Mary Palmer, a native of Wayne Township, Erie County,

and to them two children were born: Betsy Isabell, and R. L., both deceased. Mr. Thompson died July 16, 1874, and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Union City. To Wesley and Cynthia Amelia (Thompson) Davison five sons and three daughters were born: A. H. Davison, of Des Moines, Iowa; A. L. Davison, who died in Rapid City, S. Dak., in 1923; Mrs. Ada D. Roudebush, of Blooming Valley, Pa.; C. E. Davison, of Howard, S. Dak.; Mrs. Kate D. Peck, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Mrs. Jennie D. King, of Union City, Pa.; Rev. S. T. Davison, of Sheffield, Pa.; and Charles W. Davison.

Charles W. Davison was born March 11, 1880. When a young man he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad in its local office. In 1901 he became associated with the A. L. Caflisch & Sons Lumber Company of Union City, and is now acting as secretary and treasurer of that Company. He was married Dec. 30, 1903, to Miss Florence Bentley, of Union City. They have no children.

B. L. Warren is a well known and substantial citizen of Union City, where he is connected with the Pennsylvania Public Corporation. He was born in Rockdale Township, Crawford County, Pa., May 22, 1871, and is the son of Lewis and Caroline (Johnson) Warren.

Lewis Warren was a native of Crawford County, as was his wife. He was a prominent farmer of Richmond Township and died in June, 1917. He was a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Warren were born three children: B. L., the subject of this sketch; Lena, married George Smith, lives retired at Titusville, Pa.; and Kitty, married Chester Bresee, lives in Richmond Township.

B. L. Warren was reared and educated in Crawford County and in early life was interested in the oil business and located at Oil City, Pa. In 1901 he came to Union City, where he conducted a transfer and coal business for several years. He then became connected with the local light plant, which was known as the Union City Electric Light Company. It was later purchased by the New York Interstate Electric Company, and since December, 1924, Mr. Warren has held his present position as overseer of the local plant.

On June 14, 1894, Mr. Warren was united in marriage with Miss Ida Sutton of Randolph Township, Crawford County, born Sept. 14, 1872, and the daughter of George and Sarah (Morehead) Sutton, natives of Pennsylvania, and parents of the following children: Janet, died at the age of 19 years; Joseph, died in infancy; Orlando, lives at Meadville, Pa.; Grant,

retired merchant, lives at Tiona, Pa.; Emory, lives on the old homestead in Randolph Township; Henry, oil operator, lives at Tiona, Pa.; William, deceased; and Mrs. Warren. Mr. Sutton died in February, 1919, and his wife died in 1921. To B. L. and Ida (Sutton) Warren six children were born, as follows: Mattie, born Sept. 29, 1898, married Sept. 27, 1920, to Earl Shreve, of Union City, and she died July 23, 1921; Arlo B., born Jan. 26, 1900, mention of whom is made below; Gladys, born Aug. 4, 1902; Marjorie, born May 12, 1905; Iona, born Sept. 7, 1908; and one child died in infancy.

Arlo B. Warren volunteered for service during the World War, enlisting from Corry in May, 1917. He was sent to Camp Hancock as a member of Company A, 112th Pennsylvania Infantry. While serving overseas he was killed in action during the battle of the Argonne forest, Sept. 29, 1918, while operating a machine gun. After the close of the war his body was returned to this country and is buried in Richmond Township, Crawford County.

Mr. Warren is a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church.

Clark McAllister, a pioneer farmer and stockman of Erie County, now living retired at Union City, is a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Greenfield Township, Erie County, Feb. 28, 1837, and is the son of David and Susanna (Nason) McAllister.

David McAllister was a native of Massachusetts and his wife was born in Vermont. They were early settlers of Erie County and the parents of the following children: David a Civil War veteran, deceased; Caroline, deceased; Henry, a Civil War veteran, deceased; Chauncey, deceased; Freeman O., a Civil War veteran, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Clark, the subject of this sketch; Orrin J., a Civil War veteran; and John, deceased. Mr. McAllister died in September, 1870, and his wife died in May, 1892.

Clark McAllister was reared and educated in Union Township and in 1855 went West, spending some time in Ohio and Minnesota. In 1859 he crossed the plains with an ox team, going from Washington to California and engaged in gold mining in Idaho. Later he returned to Amity Township, Erie County, where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil War. He served with Company K, 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the following battles: Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anne, South Anne, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Welden R. R., Hatche's Run, Five Forks, and Appomattox. After the close of the war Mr. McAllister

returned to the farm, owned by his parents, which contained 131 acres of well improved land. Mr. McAllister specialized in dairying and stock raising for many years and now lives retired.

Mr. McAllister was married October 17, 1867, to Miss Araminta N. Ormsby, the daughter of Aaron and Emily (Hare) Ormsby, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. McAllister had no children.

Mr. McAllister is a Republican, and has held many township and county offices. He served as director of the Erie County House for ten years. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic and belongs to the Union City Grange. Mr. McAllister is one of the interesting pioneers of the county.

Dr. E. E. Kendall, physician and surgeon, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Waterford since 1888, is a native of Erie County. He was born at Union City, Aug. 13, 1860, and is the son of Darwin R. and Alice (Smith) Kendall.

Darwin R. Kendall spent his entire life in Erie County and died Feb. 19, 1916. His wife died Sept. 18, 1915. He engaged in the building and contracting business at Waterford and was among the successful business men of his time. He was a Republican and a member of the Christian Church, of which he served as Sunday School superintendent. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall had four children: Ervin, lives at Littleton, Mass.; E. E., the subject of this sketch; Perry, a druggist, deceased; and George, a druggist, Clearfield County, Pa.

Dr. E. E. Kendall entered Waterford Academy as a student in 1880 and taught district schools during the winters of 1881-2-3, after which he entered the drug store of Clemens & Patten, where he clerked and studied medicine under Drs. Bowman and Clemens. He was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, April 5, 1887, and began the practice of Medicine in Warren County, Pa. In 1888 he located at Waterford, where he has a very extensive and successful practice. He also owned and conducted a drug store in connection with his practice for 28 years, but sold the store recently to F. H. Coon.

On Apr. 21, 1887, Dr. Kendall was married to Miss Iva G. Miner, a native of Fairview, Pa., born Nov. 6, 1863, and a daughter of Henry A. and Helen (Camp) Miner, natives of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania respectively. Mr. Miner was a Civil War veteran and died April 19, 1880, and his wife died Sept. 8, 1891. They had six children: Ortha, deceased; Rev. Sul-

livan, a retired minister of the Methodist-Episcopal Church; served as a missionary in China for 40 years and now lives at Houston, Texas; Delia, deceased; Rev. Gilbert, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who died at the age of 27 years; Dr. Irvin C., a physician lives at Cleveland, Ohio; and Mrs. Kendall. To Doctor and Mrs. Kendall were born four children: Dr. Raymond Kendall, mention of whom is made below; Ralph, born Aug. 31, 1890, died in infancy; Leah, born Sept. 5, 1894, married Leslie Merrill, advertising manager at Kew Gardens, L. I., N. Y., and they have a son, Richard Kendall Merrill, born in 1921; and Bertha Jean, born Aug. 30, 1902, a graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology and Margaret Morrison School, and she is supervisor of Domestic Science of the State Vocational schools of Conneautville, Pa.

Dr. Raymond Kendall was born at Waterford, July 3, 1888, and was graduated from Bucknell College. He spent two years in the University of Pennsylvania Medical College and two years in Western Reserve Medical College, Cleveland, Ohio, where he received his degree in medicine. He is engaged in the practice of his profession in Cleveland, Ohio, having offices in the Osborn building. He specializes in diseases of the ear, nose and throat. He is also an instructor in Western Reserve University and assistant surgeon at Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland. During the World War Dr. Kendall was commissioned a captain in the medical corps, and spent two years in service, one of which was spent in France.

Dr. E. E. Kendall is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Republican, and has a wide acquaintance in Erie County. He has served Waterford for 35 years as school director and is probably in point of service the oldest school director in Erie County.

Anthony M. Holden, retired, is a well known and highly respected citizen of Union City and a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Rockdale Township, Crawford County, Pa., July 14, 1844, the son of Stephen and Sarah (Boyd) Holden, natives of Pennsylvania. They were the parents of three children: Anthony M., Adelaide B., deceased, and Lydia Jane, the widow of Frank Bethune, lives in Erie.

Anthony M. Holden was reared and educated in the public schools of his birthplace and when a young man was employed as a farm hand, receiving a salary of $17 per month. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in Company B, 211th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under

Captain McLane. After the close of the war Mr. Holden returned to Crawford County and lived there until 1868, when he came to Erie County and settled at Union City. He owned and conducted a farm of 75 acres and specialized in dairy farming.

On Jan. 1, 1869, Mr. Holden was united in marriage with Miss Esther Jarvis, of Crawford County, Pa., and the daughter of John and Martha (Kelley) Jarvis. Two children were born to this union: Bert A., lives in Union City; and Beryl L., married George Fullerton, lives in Erie. Mrs. Holden died Jan. 16, 1875.

Mr. Holden is a stanch Republican, and cast his first vote for Lincoln in 1864. He met President Lincoln personally at the capitol in Washington, and recalls the courteous manner and kindly nature of the great Civil War president. Mr. Holden is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a man who stands well in the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

Frank F. Metzger, who is connected with the Shreve Chair Company of Union City, is among Erie County's substantial and enterprising citizens. He was born in Union City, Aug. 3, 1884, and is the son of Daniel and Catherine Eva (Detz) Metzger.

Daniel Metzger was born in Germany as was his wife. They were early settlers of Cleveland, Ohio, and later removed to Union City, where they lived during the remainder of their lives. There were six children in the Metzger family, all of whom are deceased except Frank F., the subject of this sketch, and a brother, Charles. Mr. Metzger died July 22, 1902, and his wife died April 4, 1910. They are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Union City.

Frank F. Metzger grew up in Union City and received his education in the public schools. His first business venture was in the employ of the Shreve Chair Company, with whom he has been identified for 18 years. He is stock clerk.

On Aug. 26, 1919, Mr. Metzger was united in marriage with Miss Helen Louise Davis, a native of LeBoeuf Township, Erie County, born Sept. 7, 1886, and the daughter of Edgar C. and Jennie L. (Bacon) Davis, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. When a young man Mr. Davis settled in LeBoeuf Township, where he engaged in farming. In 1891 he removed to Union City, where he became superintendent of the Caflisch Planing Mills. His wife died May 5, 1922. They nad four chil-

dren: Mrs. Metzger; Charles Orville, deceased; Clara R., married L. J. Hodgins, professor of electrical engineering, College Park, Maryland; and Floyd Chester, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Metzger has been born a son, Floyd Edgar, born May 10, 1922. Before her marriage, Mrs. Metzger was a teacher in the Union City schools for 12 years.

Politically, Mr. Metzger is a Republican. He holds membership in the Methodist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has been a member of the Coleman Band continuously for 25 years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Metzger are highly esteemed members of their community.

LeRoy Search is well and favorably known in Erie County, where he is serving as county detective. He was born at Koonsville, Pa., Nov. 12, 1890, the son of Thomas R. and Cordelia Helen (Koons) Search.

Thomas R. Search was born in Luzerne County, Pa., in February, 1862, and his wife was also a native of that county, born in 1860. He served as foreman for the West End Coal Company at Mocanaqua, Pa., for 15 years and in 1900 established the Search Milling Company. Mr. Search now lives retired at Shickshinny, Pa. His wife died Jan. 21, 1910, and is buried at Shickshinny, Pa. They had three sons: LeRoy, the subject of this sketch; Rush S., married Edith Felter of Wilkes Barre, Pa., and they live at Waverly, N. Y., where he is connected with the Lehigh Valley Railroad; and Harry K., married Stelle Sprague of Wilkes Barre, Pa., and they live at Wilkes Barre, Pa., where he is connected with the Luzerne County Gas & Electric Company.

LeRoy Search was reared and educated in Luzerne County. He was a student in the public schools of Wilkes Barre, Mocanaqua, and in 1908 was graduated from Shickshinny High School. When a boy he worked at various occupations, was employed by a doctor and later was chauffeur for Judge J. P. Woodward. In 1912 he entered the automobile business and was agent for the Packard and Chalmers automobiles at Wilkes Barre, Pa. In 1915 he became a member of the Pennsylvania State Constabulary and served with Troop D, located at Butler, Pa. After a year in the service he was appointed a corporal and eight months later was made sergeant. During the World War Mr. Search served as an investigator of crime and pro-German propaganda. In January, 1924, he received a four-year leave of absence without pay from the government and was appointed county detective by M. Levant Davis for a period of four years.

LE ROY SEARCH

He is thoroughly capable in his work and has already established a fine record.

On June 3, 1920, Mr. Search was married to Miss Inez McLean Kessler, of North East, Pa.

In politics Mr. Search is identified with the Republican party. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

Charles S. Shaw, justice of the peace, and well known business man of Waterford, is among the highly esteemed citizens of Erie County. He was born at Waterford, Nov. 3, 1877, and is the son of A. P. and Mary (Waggoner) Shaw.

A. P. Shaw, deceased, was a native of Crawford County and an early settler of Waterford, where he engaged in the produce business for many years. He was the only Democrat who ever served as burgess of Waterford and he also served as a member of the school board and council. He was identified with the Episcopal Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Shaw died in 1916, and is buried in Waterford Cemetery. His widow resides at Waterford with her son, Charles S. A daughter, Hattie, lives in Erie.

Charles S. Shaw was educated in the public schools, attended Grove City College and Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio. He was employed as a bookkeeper for several years and in 1912 engaged in the insurance business at Waterford. Since 1914 he has been justice of the peace.

In politics Mr. Shaw is identified with the Democratic party and he is a member of the Episcopal Church. He is a reliable man in his community and is favorably known.

Rev. Mortimer S. Ashton, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Corry, is an influential and highly esteemed citizen of Erie County. He was born at Haverstraw, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1882, and is the son of Rev. Amos T. and Amelia H. (Sill) Ashton.

Rev. Amos T. Ashton, a native of Providence, R. I., received his education at Brown University and the Theological Seminary of New York, from which he received his degree in 1875. For 20 years he was rector of the Episcopal Church of Hyde Park, N. Y. He died Jan 10, 1911, and his wife died May 20, 1914. They are buried at Hyde Park, N. Y. To them the following children were born: Margaret A., lives with her brother; Lenora S., lives in New York City; Mortimer S., the subject of this

sketch; and Rev. Frederick T., rector of Christ Church, Greenville, Dela., married Elizabeth Van Winckle, and they have two children: Thomas and Amelia.

Reverend Mortimer S. Ashton received his early education in New York and was graduated from Trinity School there, St. Stephen's College, and from the Theological Seminary of New York in 1907. He was then appointed rector of Zion Church, Morris, New York, where he remained until Oct. 1, 1918, when he came to Corry to accept the rectorship of Emmanuel Episcopal Church. On July 20th, 1920, he was appointed chaplain of the 112th Inf. (P. N. G.).

Reverend Ashton is identified with the Masonic Lodge. He is well known and has many friends throughout Erie County.

Oliver M. Sloan, cashier of the National Bank of Girard, is a reliable and successful business man of Erie County. He was born at Emlenton, Venango County, Pa., March 20, 1864, and is the son of Harvey and Sarah (Cornelius) Sloan.

Harvey Sloan was a native of Butler County, Pa., and an early settler of Venango County. He was a well known tailor of Emlenton, and died in 1886. His wife, a native of Union County, Pa., died in 1922. They were the parents of the following children: Elmer E., engaged in the insurance business at Emlenton; Oliver M., the subject of this sketch; Minnie, Lewis, and Edward, all deceased.

Oliver M. Sloan was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and when a young man was employed as a drug clerk and later as a telegraph operator for the Western Union Company. For one year he served as bookkeeper for the Emlenton Gas, Light & Fuel Company, 11 years as teller and assistant cashier of First National Bank of Emlenton, after which he was associated with the Pittsburgh Savings & Trust Company. He has been identified with the National Bank of Girard as cashier since its organization in 1904.

On Oct. 23, 1895, Mr. Sloan was united in marriage with Miss Mattie E. Crawford, of Butler County, Pa., and the daughter of William C. and Lucinda (Gibson) Crawford, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Sloan have a daughter, Dorothy C., who is employed as a stenographer in the Highland National Bank, Pittsburgh.

The National Bank of Girard was organized Aug. 22, 1904, with the following officers: H. G. Harvey, president; J. C. Murphy, first vice presi-

dent; and Oliver M. Sloan, cashier. The directors were: H. G. Harvey, J. C. Murphy, J. L. Rawson, John F. Knowles, S. G. Williams, C. Ziesenheim, James R. Andrews, James N. Dunbar, and F. L. Andrews. The present officers are: W. F. Andrews, president; J. C. Murphy, vice president; and Oliver M. Sloan, cashier. The directors are: W. F. Andrews, J. C. Murphy, W. M. Culbertson, S. G. Williams, C. H. Rilling, Glen McClelland, and Oliver M. Sloan. The National Bank of Girard, which is among the dependable and leading banking institutions of the county, has increased its deposits from $2,000, at the time of its organization, in 1904, to $1,000,000, in 1925. A new and beautiful bank building is being erected at Main and Wall Streets.

Mr. Sloan is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

Harry O. Woodard, manager of the Erie County Telephone Company at Waterford, is a member of a prominent pioneer family of Erie County. He was born at Waterford, Sept. 8, 1874, and is the son of Anson H. and Emma (Whitney) Woodard.

Anson H. Woodard was a native of New York who settled at Waterford in 1858. He entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as telegraph operator and station agent and during the Civil War had complete charge of the Western Union Telegraph system here. He was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and served as school director. He died Aug. 2, 1900, and is buried in the Waterford cemetery. His wife, a native of Milford, N. H., lives with her son, Harry O. There were three children in the Woodard family: Morse, deceased; Harry O., the subject of this sketch; and Ethel, married Joseph L. Frailey, the owner of 1500 acres of land in Kansas and Missouri, where he is extensively engaged in raising wheat.

Harry O. Woodard has always lived at Waterford. He was educated in Waterford Academy and when a young man learned the printer's trade, which he followed successfully for 12 years in the employ of the Waterford Leader News. He has been local manager of the Erie County Telephone Company since 1904.

Mr. Woodard is a Republican, a member of the Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is an upright and industrious man and is held in high regard in his community.

Walter Hess, superintendent of schools at Waterford, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in Lancaster County, Pa., Oct. 16, 1895, and is the son of Jacob and Susan (Lawrence) Hess.

Jacob Hess, a prosperous farmer, of Lancaster County, Pa., is a native of that county, as is his wife. They had two children: Walter, the subject of this sketch; and Mabel, deceased.

After completing his early education, Walter Hess attended Millersville State Normal School, and in June, 1923, was graduated from Pennsylvania State College, after which he came to Waterford as superintendent of schools. He was also connected with the schools of Bucks County, Pa.

During the World War Mr. Hess was inducted into service and sent to Camp Meade, Md., as a member of Company F, 304th Engineers. He served overseas for more than a year and participated in many important battles of the war. He was discharged July 30, 1919.

On June 12, 1923, Mr. Hess was married to Miss Mary Rice, a native of Adams County, Pa., and the daughter of Clayton Rice. There are five children in the Rice family: Luther, a farmer, Adams County; Alma, a teacher, at Saxtons River, Vt.; George, deceased; Mrs. Hess; and Edwin, lives in Adams County. Before her marriage, Mrs. Hess was a teacher.

Mr. Hess is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is held in high regard throughout the community and is an excellent citizen.

Dr. Vere K. Worster is among the prominent young physicians and surgeons of Erie County, and is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Waterford. He was born at Gardenville, N. Y., April 15, 1895, and is the son of Frederick A. and Ella D. (Woodruff) Worster.

Frederick A. Worster was born at Ripley, N. Y., and his wife is a native of Pennsylvania. They settled at Edinboro, Pa., many years ago, where Mr. Worster engaged in farming. He is a Republican, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Worster, who now live retired, have four children: Ethel, married Whittier Horn, lives at Stillwater, Pa.; LeVieve, married Elton Cram, lives at Akron, Ohio; Vere K., the subject of this sketch; and Dorothy, a high school teacher, Union City.

Dr. Vere K. Worster received his early education in the public schools and was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1920. The following year he engaged in the practice of his profession at Water-

ford in the offices of Doctor Rowe Woodruff, who died Aug. 28, 1921. Doctor Worster succeeded to his entire practice. He also conducts a private hospital at Waterford, which is among the most modern and up to date institutions of its kind in this section.

On July 28, 1921, Dr. Worster was united in marriage with Miss Winifred Cornell, a native of Corning, N. Y., and a daughter of George and Ella (Holly) Cornell, residents of Corning, and the parents of the following children: Ruth, married James Taggart, lives in Cleveland; Clyde, lives in Corning; and Arthur, at home. Doctor and Mrs. Worster have a daughter, Patricia, born April 24, 1924.

Doctor Worster is a Republican, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a substantial citizen of his community and a progressive man in his profession.

William C. Kibler, who has served as assistant cashier of the R. S. Battles Bank of Girard for 54 years, ranks among the pioneer bankers and highly esteemed business men of Erie County. He was born at Girard, Feb. 15, 1854, and is the son of Frederick and Eva (Heckman) Kibler.

Frederick Kibler came to this country from Germany during the early days and settled at Bucyrus, Ohio. Later he removed to Girard, where he became a successful merchant. To Mr. and Mrs. Kibler, now deceased, were born 10 children, as follows: Frederick S., a Civil War veteran, deceased; John B., a Civil War veteran, lives retired at Girard; Chris, a Civil War veteran, deceased; Henry, was a soldier in the Civil War, and died at Paducah while in the service; Jacob, who was engaged in business at Girard for many years, now deceased; Dr. Charles B., prominent physician of Corry, Pa.; Caroline Louise, the widow of Elsen Blakeslee, lives at Seattle, Wash.; George W., engaged in the mercantile business at Girard; William C., the subject of this sketch; and Frank, lives in Girard.

William C. Kibler has spent his entire life in Girard and was educated in the public schools. He has been identified with the R. S. Battles Bank since 1871 in the capacity of assistant cashier. This institution was organized in 1859 under the firm name of Battles & Webster and dissolved in 1876. It has since been known as the R. S. Battles Bank. Mr. Battles died in 1904. He organized the Citizens National Bank of Corry and was a leading business man of Erie County during his life. The R. S. Battles Bank, which is the oldest and one of the most dependable banking institutions in the county, is privately owned. Mr. Kibler has various business

interests and is secretary and treasurer of the Erie City Manufacturing Company, president of the Erie Casket Company, and secretary of the Climax Manufacturing Company of Corry.

Mr. Kibler was married first in 1882 to Miss Sophia Croft, a native of Girard, and to them three children were born: William F., who has been connected with the R. S. Battles Bank as a bookkeeper since 1900; Edward A., also a bookkeeper with this institution, is a World War veteran, having served in France with the 3rd Division; and Lloyd W., associated with the Erie Casket Company, is also a World War veteran. Several years after the death of his wife, Mr. Kibler was married to Miss Ellen A. Pettibone, of Girard. To this union two sons were born. Charles P., was born 1898. He died while in service during the World War, Nov. 1, 1918, and is buried at Girard; Richard G., born in January, 1906, and is attending college.

Mr. Kibler is identified with the Republican party and is one of the oldest members of the Masonic Lodge at Girard.

Dr. Fred C. Hart, a successful physician of Girard, was born at Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 11, 1862, and is the son of Clinton and Olivia (Alling) Hart.

Clinton Hart was a native of Hartford, Conn., who at an early age settled in Brooklyn, N. Y. In 1866 he removed to Cleveland and from there to Ashtabula, Ohio. For a number of years he operated a dairy farm at Austinburg, Ohio, and owned 142 acres of well improved land. He died in 1911 and his wife died in 1916. Mr. Hart was a Republican and a member of the Congregational Church. There were three children in this family: Fred C., the subject of this sketch; Mary, lives at Austinburg, Ohio; and Louis, an attorney, lives in Chicago.

Dr. Fred C. Hart was educated in the public schools and was graduated from Oberlin College. He received his degree as Doctor of Medicine at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, in 1892, and spent the following year in that city as house physician at Lakeside Hospital. He began the practice of his profession at Fairview, Pa., in 1893, where he remained for 17 years. He has been located in Girard since 1910 and has a well established practice.

On May 25, 1893, Dr. Hart was married to Miss Orpha E. Orcutt, a native of Austinburg, Ohio, born Aug. 25, 1865, and the daughter of Oran and Melana (Winchester) Orcutt, natives of Massachusetts. Mr. Orcutt

was born Aug. 7, 1819, and died Feb. 3, 1882. His wife was born July 19, 1824, and died in October, 1896. They had two children: Edith, the widow of Fred Miles, lives in Washington; and Mrs. Hart. To Doctor and Mrs. Hart were born three children: Edith M., a graduate of Oberlin College, and a teacher before her marriage in May, 1924, to Dale Hathaway, and they live at Chillicothe, Ohio; Fred C., Jr., a student at Grand River Institute; and Gilbert Alling.

Doctor Hart is identified with the Erie County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is a stanch Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Doctor Hart is a capable, energetic, and public spirited man, one whose life means much to his community.

Oscar D. Willcox is among the well liked and successful business men of Girard. He was born at North East, Pa., Dec. 3, 1885, and is the son of Marcus A. and Melissa (Dawley) Willcox.

The Willcox family came from Massachusetts to Erie County during the early days and settled at North East, where Marcus A. Willcox engaged successfully in the mercantile business. He died Oct. 5, 1909, and is buried at North East. His wife lives with her son in Girard.

Oscar D. Willcox attended the public schools of Jamestown, N. Y., where his family lived for several years. He also attended Allegheny College and worked at his trade as a toolmaker. For six years he was a railway conductor on the Jamestown & Lake Erie Railroad, after which he was connected with the General Electric Company as a toolmaker. In 1918 Mr. Willcox came to Girard and established the Girard Steel Stamping Company, which has developed into a leading industry of the city. He manufactures steel stamps and has a well equipped factory.

On Sept. 3, 1908, Mr. Willcox was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Malmm, a native of Sweden, born Dec. 11, 1887, and the daughter of John and Adeline (Peterson) Malmm. Mr. Malmm died Dec. 3, 1907, and his widow lives at Jamestown, N. Y. They had seven children: Mrs. Willcox; Ruth, married Charles Firth, lives at Jamestown, N. Y.; Henry; Albert, a World War veteran, lives at Jamestown, N. Y.; Minnie, at home; and three children died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Willcox have no children.

Mr. Willcox is a Republican and has served as justice of the peace at Girard since November, 1922. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and is favorably known in the community in which he lives.

John A. Becker is a prominent citizen and successful business man of Erie. He was born at the same address where his business is now located, Oct. 19, 1871, and is the son of John and Pauline (Gerhleim) Becker.

John Becker, deceased, was a native of Germany, born in 1835. At the age of 17 years he came to America with his parents and settled in Erie, where he became a tile and brick manufacturer. He established a shoe business in 1892, which is now owned by his son. Mr. Becker died in 1921 at the age of 86 years and is buried in Trinity Cemetery. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and a leading citizen of his time. His wife, also a native of Germany, came here with her parents when she was nine years of age. Her father, John Gerhleim, owned a large brick yard in Erie for many years. She died in 1901 at the age of 66 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Becker four children were born, as follows: Elizabeth, a dressmaker, lives at 415 West 10th Street; John A., the subject of this sketch; Anna, married Peter Emling, lives at 415 West 10th Street; and one child died in infancy.

John A. Becker grew up in Erie and attended the public schools. When a young boy he engaged in the shoe business with his father, where he has since remained. Mr. Becker carries a high-grade line of shoes and has one of the finest shops in the city, located at 418 West 18th Street. The family residence is in the rear of the store.

Mr. Becker was united in marriage with Miss Della Ford, the daughter of Jerry and Catherine (Lang) Ford, well known pioneers of Erie, and a compete sketch of whom appears under the name of Richard E. Ford elsewhere in this history. Mr. and Mrs. Becker have no children.

In politics Mr. Becker is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and belongs to the Elks and Moose lodges. Mr. and Mrs. Becker are highly esteemed citizens and have many friends throughout the county.

Thomas J. Rick, justice of the peace, is a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Girard. He was born in Fairview Township, Erie County, June 4, 1862, and is the son of Michael and Elizabeth (McLaughlin) Rick.

Michael Rick, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Germany, and in 1835 came to the United States with his parents and settled on a farm in Fairview Township, Erie County, where he remained

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until 1905, at which time he retired. He died in 1918, and is buried at Girard. Mr. Rick was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. His wife, a native of Erie County, died March 17, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Rick had six children, as follows: Mary A., deceased, was a school teacher in Erie County for 22 years; John A., lives at Girard; Thomas J., the subject of this sketch; Charles E., lives in Kansas City, Mo.; William G., lives at Girard; and Jennie E., deceased.

Thomas J. Rick attended the public schools of Erie County, Edinboro State Normal School, and Cumberland University in Tennessee, where he studied law. He began the practice of his profession in St. Louis, but 16 years later removed to Girard, where he has since lived. He has served as justice of the peace for 14 years.

In 1884 Mr. Rick was married to Miss Agnes Colt, a native of Clinton, Mo., born Oct. 11, 1862. She died Dec. 22, 1885, leaving a son, Michael, who is also deceased.

Mr. Rick is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church.

F. A. Lloyd, who is successfully engaged in the general insurance business in Girard, was born in Waterford, Erie County, May 21, 1856, and is the son of Watts B. and Sarah (Middleton) Lloyd.

Watts B. Lloyd was born in Schoharie County, N. Y., April 8, 1807, and settled in Erie County in 1840. He was a general farmer and stockman and improved 170 acres of land in Waterford Township. He served as a minister of the Methodist Church during the early part of his life and was pastor of the Methodist Church at Girard for several years. Mr. Lloyd was a Democrat and held many township offices. He died October 4, 1874, and his wife, who was born in Erie County, July 26, 1808, died Sept. 12, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd were the parents of the following children: Wesley P., born Feb. 22, 1833, was a Civil War veteran and is deceased; Rev. Sylvester W., born Jan. 31, 1837, a minister of the Methodist Church, lives retired in California and is 88 years of age; Emily, born June 26, 1844, the widow of Patrick Hamilton, lives in California; Milton E., born May 13, 1839, lives at Rock Island, Ill.; Melvina, born Oct. 31, 1846, deceased; Mary Ann, deceased; John Clark, born March 5, 1851, deceased; and F. A., the subject of this sketch.

F. A. Lloyd was reared on his father's farm and educated in the district schools. He began life as a painter and decorator and worked at this trade continuously for 37 years. In November, 1912, Mr. Lloyd was elect-

ed justice of the peace at Girard and served efficiently in this office until 1924. He is now notary public and also an insurance dealer. He served as township assessor for eight years and as assessor of the borough of Girard for 20 consecutive years.

On Aug. 20, 1879, Mr. Lloyd was united in marriage with Miss Nellie A. Eaton, a native of Franklin Township, Erie County, born Sept. 30, 1856, and the daughter of Hiram and Mary Eaton. To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd three children were born: Clark A., born July 18, 1881, held a government position at Yuma, Ariz., until his death, Feb. 15, 1924; Laura Pearl, born Oct. 18, 1884, married Charles C. Barron, an extensive farmer in Idaho; and Carl R., born Nov. 4, 1887, connected with the main office of the Carnegie Steel Company at Youngstown, Ohio, married Miss Hazel George, of North Girard, Pa., and they have two children, Betty Jane and Dorothy. Mr. Lloyd is a World War veteran, having enlisted with the Marine Corps at San Francisco, Calif. He studied government wireless work and was sent to Honolulu and later to China, where he remained for two and one-half years. He re-enlisted and was sent to France with the Marines and later transferred to the 27th Division. Mr. Lloyd was seriously wounded and gassed while in action and discharged from service March 15, 1919.

Mr. Lloyd is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

William M. Culbertson, a well known citizen of Girard, who is extensively interested in Erie County, is a member of the Culbertson family, which has been conspicuous in Erie County and Pennsylvania for three generations. He was born in Covington, Ky., Nov. 30, 1859, and is the son of Hon. William C. and Margaret (Alexander) Culbertson.

Hon. William C. Culbertson, deceased, was one of the foremost citizens of Erie County during his life. He was born in Edinboro, Pa., Nov. 27, 1825, the son of Andrew Columbus and Margaret Culbertson. In 1795 William Culbertson, great grandfather of W. M., came to Erie County and purchased a large tract of land from the Holland Land Company, in the vicinity of the present site of Edinboro, part of which he afterwards disposed of to his brothers and others. Two years later he brought his family to their new home. Thus it will be seen that the Culbertson family were among the sturdy pioneers who took the initial steps in converting the unbroken wilderness of Northwestern Pennsylvania into what is

now one of the most beautiful and productive sections of the country. Andrew Columbus Culbertson was born in Williamsport, Pa., June 29, 1795, and was but two years old when brought to Erie County. His son, William C., received his education in the public schools and remained with his father until 21 years of age, and then engaged in business for himself. He began lumbering on the Allegheny River in Jefferson County, Pa., and in Kentucky, his mill and sash, door and blind factory being located at Covington, Ky., where he resided and made his headquarters. In 1863 he removed to Girard, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died May 24, 1906. In 1866 Mr. Culbertson went to Michigan and began the purchase of large tracts of timber, which he continued until he had purchased over 62,000 acres in Michigan and Wisconsin. The Girard Lumber Company was organized in 1881, with headquarters at Menominee, Mich., and this business is still in operation. Mr. Culbertson's interests were so extensive and distributed as to be almost impossible of description or estimation, yet in all these undertakings he was universally successful. Among the self made men of northwestern Pennsylvania who had achieved success by their own individual efforts he stood high. In politics Mr. Culbertson was a stanch Republican and in 1888 was elected to congress. Mr. Culbertson was married to Miss Margaret Alexander, a daughter of the late Dr. James A. Alexander of Warren County, Pa. She died May 4, 1902. To Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson the following children were born: Cordelia A., died in 1922; Kate E., lives in Pasadena, Cal.; James A., died in 1917; Belle, deceased, Feb. 15, 1913, was the wife of Frank May, who lives at Pasadena, Cal.; Margaret, who died in September, 1924; W. M., the subject of this sketch; Charles B., lives in Pasadena; and Archibald, who died June 17, 1883.

W. M. Culbertson attended the public schools of Girard and Edinboro State Normal School. At an early age he engaged in the lumber business with his father at Covington, Ky., and later conducted a milling business at Girard, and for last 15 years he has been engaged extensively in the manufacture of cement at Baltimore. Mr. Culbertson is a director of the National Bank of Girard and is actively interested in many important business enterprises in Erie County. He owns a farm of 1,025 acres in Crawford and Erie Counties.

In August, 1880, Mr. Culbertson was married to Miss Florence Nece, who was born in Girard, May 27, 1860, the daughter of Josiah and Annabel (Kirkpatrick) Nece, who were the parents of the following chil-

dren: Anna, deceased, was the wife of A. J. Thompson; Katherine, married C. R. Jones, lives retired at Girard; Mrs. Culbertson; Lillian, lives at Bancroft, Neb.; and Ella, deceased, was married to Charles Railsback, lived in Omaha, Neb. To Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Culbertson five children were born: Anabel, married William S. Taft, a well known educator of Harrisburg, Pa.; James, a contractor, lives at Girard, is a World War veteran; William C., an employe of the Erie Malleable Iron Works, lives in Erie, and is a veteran of the World War, having served as a captain; Florence, married H. C. Young, assistant to the vice president of the Bell Telephone Company, Philadelphia; and Margaret, who lives at home.

Mr. Culbertson is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church and a 32nd degree Mason.

Frank Marshall Drew, retired, is among the excellent and highly esteemed citizens of Erie County. He resides in Girard. Mr. Drew was born in New York City, June 30, 1852, and is the son of Frank N. and Louise (Magness) Drew.

Frank N. Drew was prominent in the theatrical world for many years and was related to the well known Drew family, from which Ethel Barrymore is descended. He was born in Ireland in 1830, near Dublin, and after coming to America settled in Philadelphia and later in New York City, where he spent many years in theatrical work. He died in February, 1903, and is buried in the Girard Cemetery. His wife died in 1878. She was the daughter of Nathaniel Magness, who settled in Maryland in 1589. To Mr. and Mrs. Drew two children were born: Frank Marshall, the subject of this sketch; and John, who is engaged in the real estate business in Seattle, Wash.

Frank Marshall Drew received his education in the schools of New York and attended a military academy. He became interested in the theatrical profession at an early age and traveled with the Barnum Circus for nine years also. Mr. Drew has lived retired here since 1923.

Mr. Drew was married first on Feb. 16, 1876, to Miss Kate Drury, who was born at Girard in 1854, and died in May, 1888. Three children were born to them: William N., born July 29, 1879, was a theatrical manager, died in 1911; George M., born Nov. 8, 1881, lives at Wheeling, W. Va.; and Frank D., born July 5, 1885, who is associated with the William Fox Film Corporation, Detroit, Mich. Mr. Drew was married June 19, 1889, to Miss Blanche Cornelia Collard, a native of Brownstown, Mich., born Nov.

22, 1858, and the daughter of John Harmon and Martha Mary (Long) Collard, deceased. They were the parents of the following children: Alice W., married Chandler Wells, lives retired at Wyandotte, Mich.; Emma R., married George Vrooman, both deceased; George, deceased; Ada C., married Charles Worden, lives retired in Michigan; Mrs. Drew; Grace, the widow of Robert Campbell, lives in California; and Martha Jane, married Wilmer Evans, lives retired in Michigan. Mr. Collard died in 1875 and his wife died in 1865. To Frank Marshall and Blanche Cornelia (Collard) Drew were born three children: Emma B., born May 3, 1896, married Amory Haskell, lives in Pittsburgh; Robert W., born Jan. 3, 1899, lives at Toledo, Ohio, where he is connected with the William Fox Film Corporation. He is a World War veteran who during his service in the navy qualified as a sharpshooter and was stationed at Wissahicken Barracks, Cape May, N. J.; and Arthur C., an expert mechanician, born Aug. 6, 1901, lives at home.

Mr. Drew is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Elks and the Eagles. Both he and his wife take an active interest in the affairs of their community and have a wide acquaintance in Erie County.

Frederick X. Bowman is a prominent citizen and substantial business man of Girard, where he is connected with the West Ridge Transportation Company. He was born in Fairview Township, Erie County, Oct. 13, 1886, and is the son of Joseph and Hannah (Leube) Bowman.

The Bowman family settled in McKean Township, Erie County, many years ago. Joseph Bowman was born here and has spent his entire life in this county and now lives retired at McKean. During his active business career he engaged in real estate. His wife died Nov. 12, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman had one son, F. X., the subject of this sketch.

F. X. Bowman was educated in the public and high schools of North East and in 1905 entered the employ of the Erie Transit Company, with whom he remained for 13 years. For a number of years he was superintendent of this business. In 1918 Mr. Bowman became connected with the Pennsylvania state highway department, and in 1923 he organized the West Ridge Transportation Company, which he manages. He owns real estate in the city of Erie and Girard.

On April 28, 1915, Mr. Bowman was married to Miss Gladys Tarr, of Crawford County, Pa., and the daughter of John and Maude (O'Dell) Tarr,

residents of Crawford County. They have a son, John Joseph, born May 23, 1924.

Politically Mr. Bowman is a Republican, and he is identified with the Masonic Lodge. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have a wide acquaintance in Erie County and are highly esteemed.

Samuel G. Williams, the well known and capable postmaster of Girard, was born in Warren County, Pa., Feb. 5, 1861.

Mr. Williams received his education in the public schools of his native county and at an early age engaged in the mercantile business there. A number of years ago he removed to Erie County and settled at Girard, where he continued as a merchant until 1918, when he retired from active business. He was appointed postmaster of Girard in April, 1923, during President Harding's administration.

Samuel G. Williams was married to Miss Rosa Green, a native of Forest County, Pa., and the daughter of James and Mary (Brown) Green, natives of Pennsylvania, and both now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams four children were born: James Lawrence, a jeweler, Girard; Raymond, lives in New Jersey; Rose, married Everett S. Waidle, lives in Cleveland; and Frances, lives at home, was a nurse during the World War and in service.

In politics Mr. Williams is identified with the Republican party and he is a member of the Methodist Church. He is an industrious and capable man, and has the esteem of his fellow citizens throughout the county. He served as postmaster in Venango County, Pa., 14 years.

Carl M. Drury, well known as the efficient assistant cashier of the National Bank of Girard, is a native of Erie County. He was born in Girard Township, July 13, 1883, and is the son of Elijah L. and Kittie A. (Wood) Drury.

Elijah L. Drury, who lives retired at Girard, is a highly esteemed citizen of his community. He was born in this township and during his active career engaged in general farming. His wife is also a native of Erie County. Mr. Drury is a Republican and has held many township offices. He holds membership in the Universalist church. To Mr. and Mrs. Drury three children were born. Carl M., the subject of this sketch; Mary A., a teacher, lives at home; and Helen, was graduated from the State Normal School in 1925.

After attending the public and high schools of Girard, Carl M. Drury entered Edinboro State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1902. He then taught school for one year, after which he became associated with the Packard Automobile Company. The next year he came to Girard as secretary to W. C. Culbertson. In 1904 Mr. Drury became connected with the National Bank of Girard as assistant cashier, in which capacity he has since served. He is also treasurer of the Girard Development Company.

On June 26, 1907, Mr. Drury was married to Miss Grace L. McCluer, of Meadville, Pa., and the daughter of George E. and Anna B. (Scowden) McCluer, residents of Pittsburgh and the parents of two daughters: Mrs. Drury; and Kathryn, the widow of Stanley Coleman, lives in Pittsburgh. To Mr. and Mrs. Drury have been born two children: C. McCluer, born May 5, 1914; and Kathryn A., born Feb. 3, 1916.

Mr. Drury is a stanch Republican and has served as president of the city council for a number of years and is treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce. He is affiliated with the Masonic lodge and has always taken an active interest in all community affairs.

The National Bank of Girard was organized Aug. 22, 1904, with the following officers: H. G. Harvey, president; J. C. Murphy, first vice president; Oliver M. Sloan, cashier; and Carl M. Drury, assistant cashier. The directors were: H. G. Harvey, J. C. Murphy, J. L. Rawson, John F. Knowles, S. G. Williams, C. Ziesenheim, James R. Andrews, James N. Dunbar, and F. L. Andrews. The present officers are: W. F. Andrews, president; J. C. Murphy, vice president; Oliver M. Sloan, cashier; and Carl M. Drury, assistant cashier.

Guenther G. Von der Groben, who now lives retired at Girard, was for many years connected with Central High School at Erie as professor of modern languages. He was born at Koenigsberg, East Prussia, Nov. 18, 1854, the son of Gustave and Therese (Von Wegnern) Von der Groben.

Gustave Von der Groben served in the German army for years as a major. He was born at Ludwigsdorf, Prussia, in 1800, and died in 1880. His wife died in 1860. There were two children: Guenther G., the subject of this sketch; and Elimar, a major in the German army who died in 1900.

Guenther G. Von der Groben received his education in the schools of his native land and in 1889 went to St. John, N. B., and later to Halifax,

N. S. In 1895 he came to this country and located in Erie where he was connected with Central High School as a professor of French and German until the time of his retirement in 1921. He has since lived retired in Girard. Mr. Von der Groben owns 250 acres of forest land near Kane, Pa., as well as city property in Girard, Wesleyville and Erie.

On July 15, 1896, Mr. Von der Groben was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Caroline Oellers, a native of Mainz, Germany. Mrs. Von der Groben died Jan. 23, 1923, and is buried in the Girard Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Von der Groben a son was born, Guenther Jr., born May 6, 1897. He is connected with the Carnegie Steel Company at Youngstown, Ohio. He was married to Miss Anna May Henry, a native of Waterford, Pa., and they have a son, Donald Henry, born Jan. 1, 1925.

Mr. Von der Groben is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church. He is highly esteemed and widely known.

Dr. Carl Blaine Lininger, who ranks among the capable physicians and surgeons of Erie, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Beaver Center, Pa., Jan. 8, 1884, and is the son of Evi and Dora (Mowery) Lininger.

Evi Lininger was born at Greenville, Pa., Dec. 11, 1853, and has followed general farming during his entire life. His wife is also a native of that place, born July 31, 1859. Mr. and Mrs. Lininger were the parents of five children, as follows: Bessie Maloney, lives at Hollywood, Cal.; Edna McGuire, lives in California; Dr. Carl Blaine, the subject of this sketch; Ward J., lives in Missouri; and Ethel Nichols, lives at Springboro, Pa.

Dr. Carl Blaine Lininger attended the public and high schools of Beaver Center, Pa., and after his graduation in 1901 he entered Edinboro College, where he remained two years. He received his degree of Doctor of Medicine at the Cleveland Homeopathic College in 1911, and was located in the Rochester (N. Y.) Homeopathic Hospital the following year. In October, 1912, Doctor Lininger began the practice of his profession in Erie, where he has since been located with the exception of the period of the World War. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in the medical corps and stationed at Fort Oglethorpe for six weeks, after which he was transferred to Camp Meade for one year. He went overseas with the Seventy-ninth Division and was in active service at the front until the close of the war, and later was with the Army of Occupation. Doctor

Carl Blaine Lininger M.D.

Lininger was honorably discharged June 10, 1919, and returned to Erie, where he has an excellent practice. He is located at 517 East Avenue.

On Oct. 28, 1914, Doctor Lininger was united in marriage with Miss Florence Fries, of Erie, and the daughter of Frank and Elizabeth (Luke) Fries. Mrs. Lininger was born Oct. 15, 1893, and died Dec. 15, 1918, leaving a daughter, Florence Lininger, who was born Dec. 8, 1918.

Doctor Lininger is identified with the American Institute of Homeopathy and the Pennsylvania State Homeopathic Medical Society. He is a member of the University Club and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Elks Lodge. He is one of Erie's representative citizens and is a progressive man in his profession.

Clifton R. Kirkland is among the leading and dependable business men of Girard. He is a native of Girard Township, Erie County, born Nov. 17, 1874, and the son of Carlton C. and Sophia (Graves) Kirkland.

Carlton C. Kirkland and his wife were natives of Girard Township and spent their entire lives in this vicinity. He was an extensive grain farmer and owned 55 acres of well improved land. Mr. Kirkland served during the Civil War with Company H, 99th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He died Dec. 24, 1909, and his wife died in 1913. They had four children: Nellie, married Frank Switzer, both deceased; Lou M., the widow of Myron Silverthorn, lives at Aiken, S. C.; Clifton R., the subject of this sketch; and W. Reid, lives at Aiken, S. C.

Clifton R. Kirkland was educated in the schools of Girard Township and when a young man engaged in the lumber business for six years. He was later connected with the Westinghouse Electric Company at Allegheny, Pa., and in 1907 removed to Girard where he established his present business. Mr. Kirkland handles a complete line of builders supplies, lumber, and coal, and has an extensive business throughout Erie County. J. D. Murphy of Erie is Mr. Kirkland's business partner.

On April 14, 1897, Mr. Kirkland was united in marriage with Miss Mattie O. Sawdey, a native of West Mill Creek, born Oct. 8, 1875, and the daughter of Garrison and Mary (Spicer) Sawdey, natives of Erie County and both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland have two children: Florence S., a graduate nurse connected with Hamot Hospital, Erie; and Carlton G., who was graduated from Girard High School in 1925.

Mr. Kirkland is a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Republican.

Christopher H. Rilling, who lives retired at Girard, is a prominent citizen of Erie County and for many years was identified with the agricultural interests of Pennsylvania. He was born in Mill Creek Township, Erie County, April 3, 1851, and is the son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Ackerman) Rilling.

Both Christopher Rilling and his wife were natives of Germany. He was born Feb. 7, 1820. In 1834 when his son was 14 years of age, Stephen Rilling, grandfather of C. H., emigrated with his family to the United States, coming direct to Erie County and locating on a farm just south of Erie. Stephen Rilling was a millwright by trade and erected many of the old mills of Erie County. He died in 1866 and his wife died a number of years before him. Christopher Rilling became a leading citizen of Mill Creek Township and farmed 200 acres of land. He died July 11, 1909, and his wife died July 18th of the same year. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, deceased; Mary, deceased; C. H., the subject of this sketch; Susan, the widow of Fred Porsch, lives in Erie; John S., a prominent attorney of Erie; Charles, engaged in the insurance business in Chicago; William, deceased; Frank, deceased; Clara, married Percy Meyers, lives in Erie; Lillian, lives in Erie; Emil, lives in Erie; Alice, deceased; and Harriet, deceased.

C. H. Rilling received his education in the schools of Mill Creek Township, and remained on the home farm for six years, after which he purchased 112 acres of land in Girard Township. He became an extensive grain farmer and remained on the same place in Girard Township until 1908, when he removed to his fine home in Girard, where he has since lived.

On March 25, 1875, Mr. Rilling was united in marriage with Miss Cassie Wolf, of Mill Creek Township, born Sept. 19, 1852, and the daughter of Elam and Leah (Heidler) Wolf. Mr. Wolf was born in Erie County, July 24, 1830, and died Feb. 24, 1868. His wife was born March 23, 1834, and died Aug. 6, 1880. They were both natives of Erie County and the parents of the following children: Mrs. Rilling; Matilda, married George Wagner, both deceased; Jacob, a farmer, Fairview Township, Erie County; Ida, married Lee Milner, lives retired in Erie; Eva Anna, married George Stark, lives in Erie; Etta, deceased; Levi, lives on the old home place; Frank E., lives at Union City, Pa.; and Elmo, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Rilling five children were born: Harriet Elizabeth, lives at home; Harvey, a farmer, lives on his father's farm; Irvin, at home;

Mae Esther, married Grover C. Beckman, lives in Erie; and Gale Chester, lives at Elk Park, Pa. He served throughout the World War and spent more than a year at the front in France.

Mr. Rilling has been a life long Democrat. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and has a wide acquaintance in Erie County.

Harry Foye, secretary of the Lake Erie Foundry Company, is a prominent business man of Girard. He was born at Renovo, Pa., Oct. 30, 1874, and is the son of Charles and Zorah (Boyle) Foye.

Charles Foye, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was a native of Philadelphia and at an early date removed to Renovo, Clinton County, where he worked at his trade as a carpenter. Later he went to Nebraska where he engaged in general farming until his death in March, 1922. He was buried at Girard and his wife resides in Cleveland with her daughter. Mr. Foye enlisted for service during the Civil War in Philadelphia and served with the 47th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. After his term of three years expired he reenlisted and served until the close of the war. Mr. Foye enlisted as a drummer boy but soon traded his drum for a musket. A piece of the regimental flag which was saved at the battle of Cedar Creek is now in his son's possession. Mr. Foye was a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. There were five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Foye as follows: Edward, a fruit farmer, lives at North East, Pa.; George, lives in Erie; Harry, the subject of this sketch; Mary, died in infancy; and Cora, married Allen Blee, who is connected with the American Shipbuilding Company, Cleveland.

Harry Foye spent his boyhood at Renovo and after completing his early education attended a business college in Erie. He came to Girard in 1900 and in 1904 became associated with the Lake Erie Foundry Company as a shipping clerk. He has served as secretary since the reorganization of the company in 1920.

The Lake Erie Foundry Company is among the leading industries of Girard. Its officers are: John A. Zurn, Erie, president; John Schneider, Erie, vice president; William C. Schaffer, Girard, treasurer and manager; Harry Foye, secretary; and William Kohler, Girard, superintendent.

On Sept. 20, 1897, Mr. Foye was married to Miss Mary Vesber, a native of Erie, born Sept. 9, 1879, and the daughter of Charles and Frances Vesber. Mr. Vesber is deceased and his widow resides in Erie. Mr.

and Mrs. Foye have two sons: Ralph, born July 3, 1898, engaged in the automobile business at Toledo, Ohio, is a veteran of the World War; and Frank, born Jan. 11, 1909, a student.

Mr. Foye is a Republican and has served as the secretary of the borough of Girard for 18 years. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and during the World War was identified with the local draft board. He is a highly respected citizen and the Foye family is representative of the best citizenship of Erie County.

James M. Morrison, who lives retired at Girard, is among the prominent and highly esteemed citizens of Erie County. He was born in Washington Township, Erie County, April 3, 1849, and is the son of Robert and Jane (Dodds) Morrison.

Robert Morrison was born in Belfast, Ireland, and his wife was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. He studied law and medicine in his native land and in 1835 came to this country and settled near Edinboro, Pa. Later, he became a land agent at Meadville, surveying and platting out large sections of land in that section. He died in 1850 and his wife died in 1891. They were the parents of the following children: James, Mary, Ann, Margaret, Jane, John, all deceased; Walter, lives retired at Edinboro, Pa.; and James M., the subject of this sketch.

James M. Morrison was educated in the public schools of Edinboro and attended Edinboro State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1876. He began life working as a farm hand and received five dollars per month for his services. Later he engaged in teaching and for 42 years was a widely known educator of Pennsylvania. Mr. Morrison was a member of the faculty of Edinboro State Normal School for 17 years, was principal of the Girard schools for five years, and for six years served as superintendent of Erie County schools. Since his retirement, Mr. Morrison has made his home in Girard.

On June 24, 1884, Mr. Morrison was married to Miss Ada Thompson, born at Girard, March 9, 1858, and the daughter of J. C. and Caroline Thompson, natives of New Hampshire. Mr. Thompson died Jan. 5, 1900, and his wife died in 1891. They had seven children: Mary, the widow of M. N. Cutter, lives at Girard; Henry A., lives retired at Omaha, Neb.; Ella, deceased; A. J., lives at Bancroft, Neb.; Mrs. Morrison; and Chandler, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Morrison were born two sons: Guy C., born in 1887, a manufacturer, lives at North Girard; and J.

Marcus, born in 1898, engaged in the insurance business, North Girard. There are two grandchildren: Esther Jean, born in 1918; and James Marcus, born in 1921.

Mr. Morrison is identified with the Republican party in politics, is a member of the Presbyterian church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge. He is a citizen of material worth to his community.

Allen C. Van Camp, retired, is among the prominent pioneer citizens of Girard, where he has spent his entire life. He was born Jan. 16, 1852, and is the son of Mortimer and Harriet (Anderson) Van Camp.

The Van Camp family settled in Erie County at an early date, having come here from New York. Mortimer Van Camp owned and operated a saw mill at Girard for a number of years and died in 1854. His wife died in 1869. Allen C., the subject of this sketch, was their only child.

After completing his schooling in the district schools, Allen C. Van Camp learned the harness making trade. He conducted a shop in Girard for 36 years and was a reliable and successful business man.

On June 11, 1880, Mr. Van Camp was married to Miss Stella Cooper, of Girard, Pa., born June 9, 1858, and the daughter of William J. and Mary A. (White) Cooper, natives of New York and both now deceased. Mr. Cooper served during the Civil War and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was a Democrat and a member of the Baptist church. He died in 1911 and his wife died Nov. 23, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Van Camp had no children.

Mr. Van Camp is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Eben J. Gunnison is a successful young business man of Erie County and is identified with Gunnison Bros. Inc., of Girard. He was born in Erie, Jan. 21, 1890, and is the son of Rolla and Anne (Sisson) Gunnison.

The Gunnison family ranks among the prominent pioneer families of this section of Pennsylvania. Rolla Gunnison, a native of Erie, became interested in the tannery at Girard many years ago, which was owned by Judge U. P. Rossiter's father and later by George Plumber. He was successful in his business venture and became one of the prosperous business men of Girard. He died July 24, 1916, and is buried in the Erie Cemetery. His widow, a native of Erie County, resides at Girard. There were three sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Gunnison: Boyd, Eben J., and Gor-

don, all of whom are associated together in business at Girard. Gordon Gunnison is a veteran of the World War. He served as a member of the transport service and made many trips to France during the war period.

Eben J. Gunnison was educated in the public schools of Erie and attended Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y. In 1910 he became associated in business with his father and since the latter's death the sons have been sole owners of the business, which is among the leading tanneries of Pennsylvania.

On Oct. 10, 1914, Mr. Gunnison was united in marriage with Miss Julia VanDeusen, a native of New York, and a daughter of J. E. and Ella (Hooker) Van Deusen, residents of Gowanda, N. Y., and the parents of the following children: Harry and George, who live in Buffalo, N. Y.; Ward, lives in Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Gunnison; and Doris, who lives at home. To Mr. and Mrs. Gunnison have been born two children: Doris Betsy, born Nov. 9, 1915; and Rolla Harry, born March 4, 1918.

Mr. Gunnison is a Republican and has held several public offices. He is a member of the Universalist church and belongs to the Masonic lodge. The Gunnison family stands high in the community and have many friends and acquaintances.

James Lawrence Williams is a veteran of the World War and one of Girard's enterprising and successful business men. He was born at East Hickory, Pa., Aug. 4, 1884, and is the son of Samuel G. and Rose (Green) Williams.

Samuel G. Williams, well known postmaster of Girard, was born in Warren County, Pa., Feb. 5, 1861, and is a son of Otis Williams. He was appointed postmaster at Girard in April, 1923. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams four children were born: James Lawrence, the subject of this sketch; Raymond, lives in New Jersey; Rose, married Everett S. Widlar, lives in Cleveland; and Frances, living at home, was a nurse during the World War.

James Lawrence Williams attended the public schools of Girard. In April, 1924, he established his present jewelry business here, after being in the employ of several business firms.

In September, 1918, Mr. Williams became connected with the Y. M. C. A. and served throughout the World War in that branch of the service. He was sent to Springfield, Mass., and later to New York City and Washington, D. C. He served at Camp Humphries, Va., and Washington Bar-

racks, Washington, D. C. He was instructor of auto mechanics for two years with the Veterans' Bureau. He was connected with the Walter Reed Hospital. He was discharged Jan. 1, 1920.

On Aug. 7, 1920, Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Miss Freida C. Eggers, who was born at Chippewa Falls, Pa., in 1894, and the daughter of Herman and Sophia (Schmidt) Eggers, natives of Germany and residents of Wisconsin.

Mr. Williams is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has many friends and acquaintances in Erie County and is well liked.

James Miller Smith, superintendent of the Northwestern Electric Service Company, is among the substantial and well known citizens of Girard. He was born here, Jan. 15, 1883, and is the son of Eugene and Caroline (Miller) Smith.

Eugene Smith, deceased, settled in Erie County in 1840 and engaged in farming in Girard Township. Later, he was interested in the coal business in Girard. He was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian church. He died in 1919. Mr. Smith was married first to Jessie Coughey, a native of Fairview Township, Erie County, who died in 1874. To them the following children were born: Margaret, the widow of C. B. Willis, a farmer, and she lives in Girard; Mary, the widow of Thomas Morehead, lives in Cleveland; George C., lives in Girard; and Frank, deceased. Later, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Caroline Miller, and to them four children were born: Maude, lives in Girard; James Miller, the subject of this sketch; B. H., deceased; and Marie, married William Yeager, who is connected with the Dispatch Printing & Engraving Company, Erie.

James Miller Smith was reared and educated in Girard and after attending the schools here took a business course in the Erie Business College. He was employed by the Cleveland & Erie Railroad Company for sixteen years and since 1920 has been connected with the Northwestern Electric Service Company as local superintendent.

On Sept. 3, 1908, Mr. Smith was married to Miss May Haddock, a native of Pittsburgh, born March 17, 1889, and a daughter of Theophilus and Alice (Greenhouse) Haddock, natives of England, and early settlers of Girard. Mr. Haddock died in 1910 and his widow resides in Cleveland.

They had five children: Mrs. Smith; Gertrude, married A. W. Miller, lives in Cleveland; Irene, married B. L. Peterson, lives in Cleveland; John, and Theophilus, both residents of Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have a son, Robert, born Oct. 7, 1914.

Mr. Smith is a Republican, a member of the Universalist church and belongs to the Masonic lodge.

Henry M. Riblet, deceased, was a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of Erie. He was born in this city, at the corner of 11th and Holland streets, Nov. 6, 1845, and was the son of Jonathan and Sophia (Fluke) Riblet. He was the grandson of Michael and Elizabeth (Ebersole) Riblet and John and Elizabeth (Fluke) Fluke.

Henry M. Riblet was educated in the public schools of Erie and also Erie Academy, from which he was graduated in 1864. During the period from December, 1860, until the fall of 1864, he worked in the shop of his father, who was a cabinet-maker, until he had acquired a thorough understanding of the cabinet-maker's trade, which it had been his good fortune to supplement with a reasonable knowledge of the carpenter and builder's trade. On the 3rd day of October, 1864, when nearly 19 years of age, he entered the office of Gunnison & McCreary, attroneys of Erie, as a law student, pursuing his studies with them continuously except for a period of four months in the winter of 1866-7, when he taught the district school in the Love District of Millcreek Township, Erie County. He was admitted to the bar of Erie County, Oct. 3, 1867, and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession, locating on the third floor of building No. 1523 Peach Street. Reasonable success attended his efforts as a practicing attorney and on Nov. 19th of that year, Mr. Riblet was united in marriage with Miss Pauline Hayes Carpenter, second daughter of James M. and Pauline Blue (Hayes) Carpenter, who perished off Manistee, Mich., in a storm on Lake Michigan on the morning of Nov. 4, 1869. The body of Captain Carpenter not being recovered, the mother was buried in the Painesville (Ohio) Cemetery, Nov. 17, 1869. On the 5th day of December following, Henry M. Riblet and his wife established a home on East 11th Street, Erie, where, on the 19th of October, 1861, their only child, a daughter, was born. Their home was continued at this place until March 27, 1876, when they removed to a farm in West Millcreek, Millcreek Township, Erie County, where they continued to reside together until the death of the wife on May 25, 1879. She was buried in the cemetery in the city

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of Erie, May 27, 1879. Mr. Riblet continued to maintain his home on the farm, and on March 30, 1881, was married to Miss Gertrude Agnes, second daughter of Charles, Jr., and Mary (Daggett) Gaillard, mention to whom is made below.

Charles Gaillard, Sr., came to Fairview, Erie County, from Lancaster County, Pa., in June 1830, and settled on a farm. About 1860 he removed to the town of Fairview and served as justice of the peace for many years. He had four sons: Charles, Jr., Jerome, John, and Theodore, and one daughter, Elizabeth. The only living male member of the Gaillard family in Erie County is John Gaillard, son of John Gaillard, of Fairview. Charles, Jr., was married to Mary Daggett, who was born Feb. 25, 1838. He died at Artesia, Cal., and she died in Erie. Gertrude Agnes (Gaillard) Riblet was born in Fairview Township, Erie County, Nov. 11, 1860. On June 14, 1882, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Riblet, who was named Charles Gaillard Riblet. He died Nov. 9, 1883, and is buried in Erie Cemetery. On Dec. 1, 1883, Mr. Riblet and his family removed to Erie, occupying the premises at 144 East 8th Street, which continues up to the present time to be their home. Here, on May 6, 1884, was born to them a daughter, who received the name of Mary Gertrude Riblet, and who expired on the 6th day of October, following. She is buried in Erie Cemetery. On Aug. 12, 1885, a son was born, Harry Gaillard Riblet, mention of whom is made below. On the 1st of June, 1870, Henry M. Riblet removed his office to 1519 Peach Street, where he remained until the 1st of April, 1872, when he removed to 1606 Peach Street. In this office he remained until the first day of October, 1878, when he removed to the corner of 13th and Peach streets, where he continued until March 30, 1894. He then removed and for the last time, to the corner of 11th and Holland streets. He died March 6, 1921, and is buried in Erie Cemetery.

Harry Gaillard Riblet was graduated from Allegheny College in 1910, where he studied civil engineering. He was married Oct. 1, 1912, to Miss Ida L. Baldwin, of Erie, and they have three children: Henry J., born July 21, 1913, a student at Gridley High School; Frances Gertrude, born April 24, 1915, a student at Jones School; and Helen B., born Oct. 17, 1922. Mr. Riblet is a member of the Masonic Lodge and belongs to the University Club.

Mrs. Henry M. Riblet is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Women's Club and the Y. W. C. A. She has always taken an active interest in church and club work and has an

extensive acquaintance in the city of Erie, where she has spent so many years.

The Riblet family, which is among the oldest in the county, settled here in 1802, when John Riblet came here from Maryland with his family of five children and his sister, Mary Zuck. In 1779 he had married Catherine Keiber and to them two sons were born, John, Jr., and Michael. Mr. Riblet settled and improved a tract of 200 acres in Harbor Creek Township, Erie County, and built one of the first sawmills in the county. He died in 1835 at the age of 80 years and is buried in Erie Cemetery.

Glenn M. Goss, retired, ranks among the well known and substantial citizens of Girard. He was born on a farm in Franklin Township, Erie County, Jan. 8, 1870, and is the son of Charles and Eliza (Foltz) Goss.

Charles Goss was a native of Springville, N. Y., who came to Erie County in 1868 and settled on a farm in Franklin Township. He became a prosperous farmer and stockman and owned a well improved farm, which is now owned by his son. Mr. Goss died June 5, 1919, and his wife died March 29, 1915. They had two children: (1) Nettie, who married E. M. Pratt, lives at Girard, and they have two children; Mabel Alice, who married George Kuebel, and they live in Erie; and Marshall G. Pratt, who lives in Girard. (2) Glenn M., the subject of this sketch.

Glenn M. Goss received his education in the public and high schools of Girard and attended Grove City Business College. He has always been interested in stock raising and specialized in the breeding of O. I. C. Chester White hogs. Since retiring from his farming interests, Mr. Goss is extensively engaged in real estate. He still maintains his home on the farm where he has spent so many years.

Politically, Mr. Goss is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and a highly esteemed member of his community. He is unmarried.

William C. Schaffer, treasurer and manager of the Lake Erie Foundry Company, is an enterprising and successful man of Girard. He was born in Erie, July 30, 1870, and is the son of Ferdinand and Catherine (Shurmer) Schaffer.

Ferdinand Schaffer came to this country from Germany with his parents and settled at McKean, Pa. He engaged in general farming in Erie County until 1883, when he removed to Albion, Pa., and later to

Ohio. He died in Michigan. Mr. Schaffer was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church. There were three children in the Schaffer family: William C., the subject of this sketch; Emma, married William Hutner, lives in Erie; and Henry, a farmer, lives in Michigan.

William C. Schaffer was reared and educated in Erie. He learned the moulder's trade, which he followed for several years and in 1902 with other business men of Girard, he organized the Lake Erie Foundry Company, which ranks as one of the well established and substantial business enterprises of Erie County. The officers are: John A. Zurn, Erie, president; John Schneider, Erie, vice president; William C. Schaffer, treasurer and manager; Harry Foye, Girard, secretary; and William Kohler, Girard, superintendent.

On Dec. 26, 1898, Mr. Schaffer was united in marriage with Miss Carrie M. Fisher, of Sharpsville, Pa., born Oct. 5, 1872, and the daughter of Conrad and Electa (Hicock) Fisher, both deceased. Mr. Fisher served throughout the Civil War and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Another daughter, Minnie, married George Straub, and they live in Baltimore, Md. To Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer two children were born: William, born Dec. 29, 1891, deceased; and Arda May, born Oct. 8, 1905, lives at home.

Mr. Schaffer is a Republican, a member of the Methodist church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge. He served as mayor of Girard for two terms and is a representative citizen of the community in which he lives.

George J. Veith is an enterprising and progressive citizen of Girard, where he is engaged in threshing and also operates a saw mill. He is a native of this county, born July 20, 1870, and the son of Jacob and Mary (Voultz) Veith.

Jacob Veith was born in McKean Township, Erie County, and was a millwright by trade. He died Aug. 27, 1897, and his wife, a native of Germany, died March 2, 1914. They had seven children: Frank, Henry, Edward, Emily, all deceased; Kate, deceased, was the wife of Henry Kuhl; George J., the subject of this sketch; and Leonard.

George J. Veith grew up on a farm in Fairview Township and attended the district schools. He engaged in dairy farming for 10 years and has since operated a threshing machine, coming to Girard in 1906.

Mr. Veith was married to Miss Ocea O. McKee, a native of Mill Creek Township, born in January, 1872, and the daughter of John and Sarah C.

(Brown) McKee, natives of Erie County and the parents of the following children: Marilla B., married John F. Henry, lives in Erie; Mary E., married J. C. Katzman, associated with the West Ridge Transportation Company, Girard; John E., lives at North Girard; Samuel T., lives in Fostoria, Ohio; and Mrs. Veith. Mr. McKee served throughout the Civil War and died March 26, 1885. His wife died July 5, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Veith have two children: George, born in August, 1897, engaged in business with his father, married Miss Josephine Clayton, of Cranesville, Pa.; and Marie, born July 10, 1899, lives at home.

Mr. Veith and his family hold membership in the Lutheran church. He is a Republican and has served as tax collector in Girard Township for three terms.

Frank Semler, a substantial and well known citizen of Girard, was born in the present Semler home in Girard, Dec. 8, 1856, and is the son of Jacob and Nancy (Reynolds) Semler.

Jacob Semler, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War and a pioneer of Erie County. He was born in Germany and after coming to this country worked at his trade as a shoemaker. He also owned a farm of 50 acres in Springfield Township, Erie County, which he improved. During the Civil War Mr. Semler served with Company A, 15th Regiment of Illinois Infantry. At the outbreak of the war he was living at Woodstock, Ill. He died Oct. 22, 1908, and his wife, a native of Girard, died many years previous. They had three children: Frank, the subject of this sketch; Albert, deceased; and Fred, lives in Omaha, Neb.

Frank Semler attended the schools of Girard and when a young man was employed by an uncle at Cambridge, Pa., as a stationary engineer. He maintains his residence here but is employed at Gunnison Brothers as an engineer.

On Nov. 3, 1892, Mr. Semler was married to Miss Carrie Strickland, a native of Springfield Township, Erie County, born Feb. 10, 1865, and the daughter of William and Mary Jane (Cross) Strickland, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. Mr. Strickland died March 12, 1909, and his wife died March 10, 1868. They had three children: Alice, the widow of G. A. Fullerton, lives in Warren County, Pa.; Eva, the widow of W. B. Fleet, lives in Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Semler. By a second marriage Mr. Strickland had a son, Francis, who still operates the grist mill on the old homestead in Crawford County, Pa. To Frank and

Carrie (Strickland) Semler three daughters were born: Ruth, married Arthur Monroe, engaged in the automobile business at Girard; Mary J., lives at Greenville, Pa.; and Esther, married Nicholas Julio, lives at Fairview, Pa. By a former marriage Mrs. Semler had two children: Mabel, married George Snadeker, lives at Cranesville, Pa.; and Grant Scott, lives in Buffalo, N. Y.

Oliver Cross, great grandfather of Mrs. Semler, came to Erie County from Vermont at an early date and homesteaded 300 acres of land in Springfield Township. He married Miss Margaret Porter. Their son, Jason Cross, was a leading citizen of Erie County during his life and was a prosperous farmer. Mrs. Semler is a fourth cousin of Commodore Perry.

Mr. Semler is a Republican and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

John D. Murray is a leading business man of Girard, where he has been identified with the Girard Wrench Manufacturing Company since 1877. He was born at Mt. Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, Jan. 24, 1853, and is the son of Captain James M. and Mary (Colgan) Murray.

Capt. James M. Murray, a native of Ireland, came to this country at an early date and for several years was connected with the Lake Shore Railroad as road master at Cleveland. He later removed to Jamestown, N. Y., and operated the first passenger boat on Lake Chautauqua, which was known as the "C. C. Dennis". He later owned the "Chautauqua". Captain Murray was a prominent citizen of Jamestown and held many public offices. He and his wife are deceased and buried there. They were the parents of six children, as follows: James, deceased; John D., the subject of this sketch; Delia, married M. J. Pierce, lives retired at Jamestown, N. Y.; A. W., lives retired at Jamestown, N. Y.; Mary, lives at Jamestown, N. Y.; and William, deceased.

John D. Murray spent his boyhood at Jamestown, N. Y., and was educated in the public schools. He learned the machinist's trade in the employ of the H. G. Brooks Locomotive Works, Dunkirk, N. Y., and after three years came to Erie, where he was associated with the city for five years. Since coming to Girard in 1877 Mr. Murray has served as superintendent of the Girard Wrench Manufacturing Company.

On Dec. 1, 1876, Mr. Murray was united in marriage with Miss Mary Tate, who was born in Erie in 1859, the daughter of William and Mary

Tate, natives of Scotland, and both now deceased. Five children were born to them, as follows: Mabel, married H. A. McMurray, lives at Greenville, Pa.; William J., employed by the Chandler Motor Company, Cleveland; Mary, the widow of M. J. Crowe, lives with her father in Girard and has two children, Virginia, born in 1913, and Helen, born in 1915; James, lives in Erie; and A. R., a World War veteran, lives in Erie. Mrs. Murray died Sept. 23, 1923, and is buried at Girard.

Mr. Murray is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic church. He is a man of excellent character, industrious and competent.

George Hawkes, president of the First National Bank of North Girard, is a prominent citizen of Erie County. He was born at Northamptonshire, England, near Sulgrare Manor, the home of George Washington's ancestors, Nov. 7, 1862, and is the son of Frederick and Sarah (Ward) Hawkes.

Frederick Hawkes was an extensive farmer and spent his entire life in England. He and his wife are now deceased. They were the parents of the following children: George, the subject of this sketch; Maurice, lives in England; Elizabeth, the widow of John Clark, lives in Cleveland; Frederick, lives in Dayton, Ohio; Sabrina, married Edwin Stokes, lives in England; Kate, married James Underwood, lives at Rolla, Mo.; John, lives in Dayton, Ohio; and Nellie, married William Parnell, lives in England.

George Hawkes was reared and educated in England and came to the United States in 1890. He lived at Fort Madison, Iowa, for several years and for 30 years was identified with the American Fork and Hoe Company as a traveling representative. After his retirement he settled at North Girard, where he has served as justice of the peace, and president of the Chamber of Commerce.

The First National Bank of North Girard was organized in February, 1923, with the following officers: George Hawkes, president; W. J. McManiss, vice president; and Clarke Pain, cashier. The directors are: George Hawkes, W. J. McManiss, Glen Way, Carl Hannah, Frank McCarty, David Garloch, and R. B. Miller.

On July 24, 1890, Mr. Hawkes was married to Miss Annie Thackery, a native of Huntingdonshire, England, and a daughter of George and Susanna (Blench) Thackery, natives of England, and the parents of the following children: George, William, and John, all deceased; Susanna, the

widow of Frederick Laughton, lives in England; Philip, deceased; Mary, lives in England; Blench, deceased; Mrs. Hawkes; Joseph, and Elizabeth, both deceased. Mr. Thackery died Jan. 2, 1882, and his wife died Dec. 30, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes have no children.

Mr. Hawkes is a Republican, a member of the Episcopal church and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is an influential citizen and stands high in his community.

Frederick G. Mohring, one of Erie County's most successful fruit farmers, is a resident of North Girard. He was born in Erie County, June 7, 1876, and is the son of John F. and Katherine (Kauderer) Mohring.

J. F. Mohring came to this country from Germany in 1873 and settled in Pennsylvania, where he engaged in general farming. He now lives retired in Girard Township. Mr. Mohring is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife is also a native of Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Mohring four children were born, two of whom died in infancy. The remaining two are F. G., the subject of this sketch; and Charles N., a building contractor, lives in Cleveland.

F. G. Mohring grew up on his father's farm and received his education in the district schools. He began farming on rented land but soon became the owner of his present well improved farm of 72 acres in Girard Township. A modern residence was built by Mr. Mohring in 1916, which is one of the finest homes in this section of the county. He specializes in grape culture and is widely known as a successful fruit farmer.

On March 7, 1899, Mr. Mohring was married to Miss Katherine Struchen, a native of Springfield Township, Erie County, born March 21, 1880, and the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Kramer) Struchen, natives of Switzerland and Germany, respectively. Mr. Struchen died Aug. 1, 1891, and his wife died May 20, 1916. They had three children: Mrs. Mohring; John, a railroader, lives in Cleveland; and Oscar, a telegrapher, lives at Chenango, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Mohring two children were born: Helen Marie, born Aug. 25, 1900, was graduated from Edinboro State Normal School in 1921, now teaching in the public schools in Cleveland, Ohio; and Clyde Frederick, born Sept. 1, 1902, engaged in farming with his father.

Politically, Mr. Mohring is a Republican and he has been township assessor. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and is a reliable citizen of the community in which he lives.

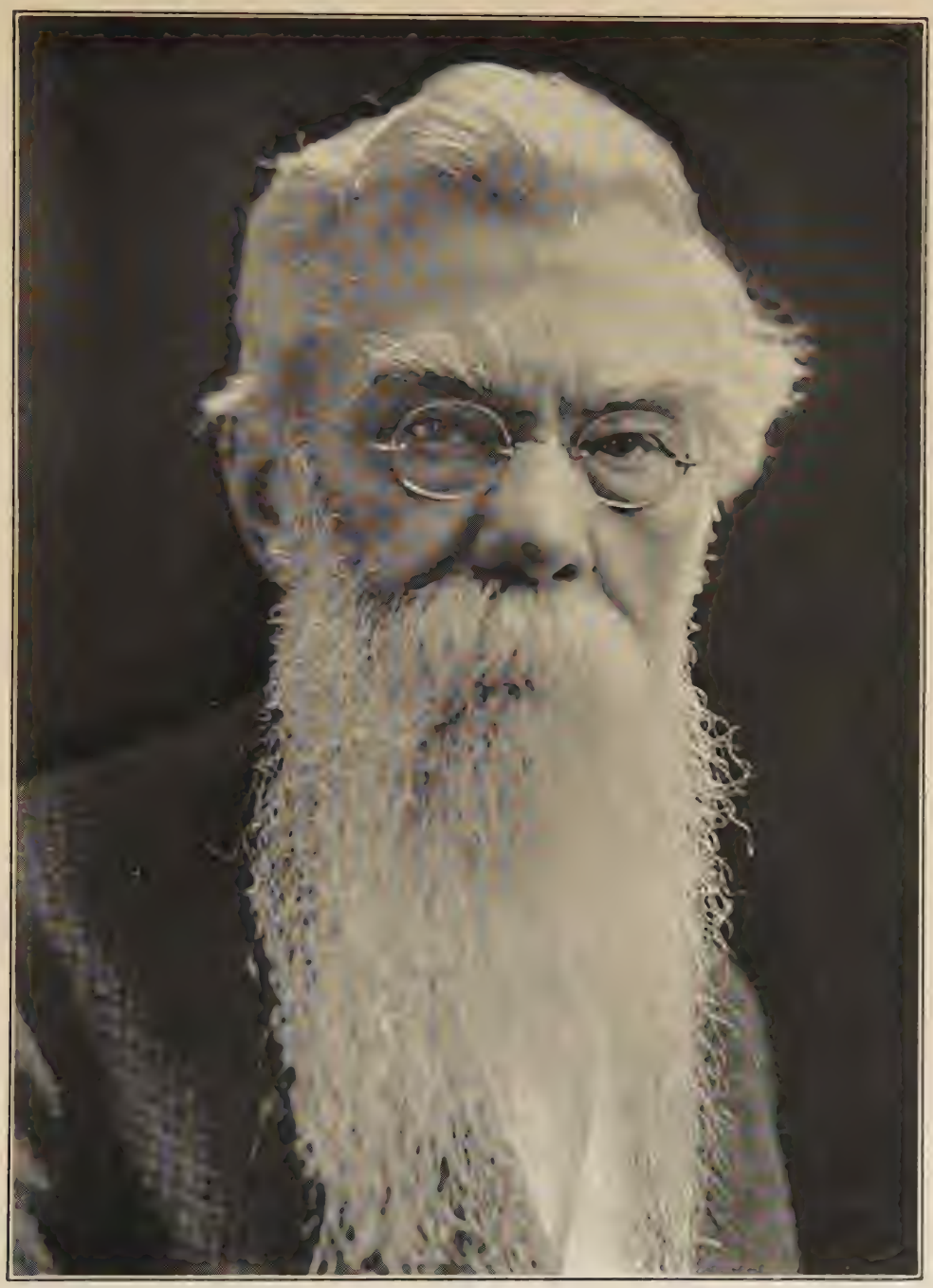
Hermann Jerome Curtze, who has just celebrated his fiftieth year as an attorney in Erie, is known as "the grand old man of the Erie County bar." During those 50 years of law practice Attorney Curtze has served hundreds of clients, is still active in the profession and is almost a daily visitor at the courthouse, most of his work being before Judge Henry A. Clark in Orphan's Court. He was born in Erie, Nov. 30, 1847, the son of Frederick and Mary Ann (Beckmann) Curtze, the former a native of Corbach, Germany, and the latter of Annweiler, Germany.

Frederick Curtze came to the United States in 1836 and located in Erie, May 2, 1840. The Beckmann family came from Germany and settled in Fairview Township, in 1837. Mr. Curtze was by trade a silver and goldsmith. Shortly after his arrival in Erie, he took up the vocation of teacher of the German language, and later and for many years, engaged in business as a manufacturer of and dealer in oil cloths. He was a justice of the peace for 20 years. He died April 14, 1891, and his wife died Oct. 25, 1864.

Hermann Jerome Curtze was educated in the city schools and at Prof. Hermann Leo's Select School, Erie. He studied bookkeeping at Hick's Mercantile College, Buffalo, and returning to Erie was bookkeeper for the wholesale firm of Johnson & Brevillier for nearly three years. He then went to Europe and completed his education at the gymnasium of Corbach, the University of Heidelberg and at the University of Leipsic, taking the degree of Doctor of Laws at the former university. Returning after an absence of five years to Erie, he studied law under the preceptorship of Col. Benjamin Grant, was admitted to practice Jan. 4, 1875, was for a time in the office of James C. and F. F. Marshall, and has ever since been engaged in the practice of his profession alone.

Mr. Curtze was married June 4, 1878, to Henriette Goehling of Brooklyn, N. Y., and a daughter of Rev. Charles and Babetta Goehling. Mr. and Mrs. Curtze have had no children but have reared and educated several and have also sent a number of boys through college.

Mr. Curtze is greatly interested in art and has in his home a number of copies of well known oil paintings, among them being: "The Architect," a Rembrandt, the original of which hangs in an art gallery at Cassel, Germany; a panel representing the progress made by the University of Heidelberg on its 300th anniversary, by Professor Keller. The original is 30 ft. long, containing life-size figures and hangs in the University of Heidelberg. Mr. Curtze's copy, made by Arthur W. Woelle, is



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3x7 feet; "The Penitent Magdalene," a Battoni; "Lavinia," by Titian, an Italian head, the original being made 500 years ago and now in the Berlin galleries; "The Wash by the Moor," by Kraus, painted by him for the Kaiser, and which hung in his private collection; "An Inn Scene," made by Teniers in the 15th century; "With Grandmother," by Artz; "Ricks Mill Scene," by Ruisdael; "The Fisher Maid," by LeFevere; "The Good Shepherd," and the "Madonna," by Murillo, the originals of which hang in the royal galleries at Vienna and Berlin. Mr. Curtze also has in his possession a number of fine marbles, among them being "Beatrice and Scienza," by an Italian artist, who has contributed many rare pieces to the Compo Santo at Genoa, Italy; "Joan of Arc," imported from Venice; and "Springtime," by Romanelli, of Florence, Italy; "Morning and Night," by Thorwaldsen, and "Pauline Borges," by Canova.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtze are members of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church and have always taken an active interest in all church affairs. Mr. Curtze has been treasurer of the Erie County law library for 35 years and still holds that position. He is president of the Board of Managers of the Erie Cemetery.

In January, 1925, in speaking of Mr. Curtze's 50 years of service as a member of the Erie County bar, Attorney John B. Brooks spoke as follows: "Hermann J. Curtze can well be styled 'the grand old man of the Erie County bar.' A quarter of a century ago when I first knew him he had been for many years one of the leaders of what was recognized to be one of the best bars in the state of Pennsylvania. He is still in active service, is still a leader, and stands very high in the estimation of this community, not only as a lawyer but as a citizen of the highest type. A typical lawyer of the old school, highly educated, cultured, studious, industrious, courteous, painstaking and honest, Mr. Curtze early attracted clients and for many years has had a large and lucrative practice; being recognized as an authority on conveyancing, preparation of wills, and all matters pertaining to the Orphan's Court and equity practice. By loyalty to his clients he has endeared himself to them and by serving them so well has been a factor for great good in this community. His manner of living is worthy of emulation by all of us, and I sincerely hope that for many years to come we will be able to greet Mr. Curtze at the courthouse and at our gatherings, and be greeted by him in that courteous and affable manner for which he is noted."

Judge Uriah P. Rossiter said of the veteran attorney: "No man at

this or any other bar ever stood higher for integrity, ability and courtesy. His exalted ideals of professional ethics, his devotion to his clients and his loyalty to the court have been an example for all of us to emulate.

To Attorney Curtze the practice of law has always been a vehicle through which to establish the right, and no matter what his personal views as to the wisdom of the law may have been, he has tenaciously adhered to the doctrine that the inclinations of the individual are subordinate thereto. I hope he continues in life, as he always will in memory, as an ideal example of what an attorney ought to be and a judge aspires to —a scholar, a lawyer and a genial kindly gentleman, upright, honest, fearless and fair."

George Whiteman, who ranks among the popular merchants of North Girard, was born there June 7, 1888, and is the son of Matthew and Frances Emma (Tobin) Whiteman.

Matthew Whiteman came here from Germany many years ago and settled at North Girard, where he was employed by a local hoe and fork manufacturer for 40 years continuously. With his wife he lives retired. He is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic church. To Mr. and Mrs. Whiteman the following children were born: George, the subject of this sketch; Mary, married Frank Brobst, lives in Cleveland, and they have two children, Mark and Margaret, twins, born Nov. 1, 1921; Lawrence J., lives at North Girard; Walter W., lives in Erie; Hazel and James, both deceased.

George Whiteman spent his boyhood in North Girard and attended the schools of Erie as well as those of his birthplace. He entered the employ of an uncle, J. P. Tobin, of Erie, with whom he remained several years. In 1910 Mr. Whiteman established his present business in North Girard and has an extensive trade. He sells candies, cigars, tobacco, and also has a news stand.

On Sept. 12, 1922, Mr. Whiteman was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Arundel, of Erie, and the daughter of William and Grace (Dwyer) Arundel, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Arundel had eight children, as follows: Mary, married Charles Emblow, lives in Erie; Kate, married William Fisher, lives in Cleveland; John, lives in Erie; Mrs. Whiteman; Grace, married Henry Rochin, lives in Erie; Edward, a veteran of the World War, lives in Erie; Joseph, served throughout the World War, and after re-enlisting in the

service is now stationed in China; and William, deceased. Mr. Arundel resides in Erie. His wife died Feb. 26, 1903.

Mr. Whiteman is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He has a wide acquaintance in Erie County and is a substantial citizen.

Frank Hopkins, who ranks among the substantial business men of North Girard, was born in Girard Township, Erie County, May 4, 1853, and is the son of Francis and Lucy Ann (Robertson) Hopkins.

Both Francis Hopkins and his wife were natives of New York. In 1848 they settled in Erie County, where he was employed at his trade as a carpenter and millwright. To Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, who are now deceased, the following children were born: Alfred, William, Louise, Frank, the subject of this sketch; and Leslie. All are deceased except Frank Hopkins.

After completing his schooling in the public schools, Frank Hopkins entered the employ of the Lake Shore Railroad and later the Nickel Plate Railroad. He served as station agent for the latter company at Girard for several years and in 1903 engaged in the manufacturing business at North Girard. Mr. Hopkins manufactures the American Wall Clothes Dryer and has an up-to-date and well equipped factory.

On June 16, 1875, Mr. Hopkins was united in marriage with Miss Ruby Taylor, a native of Girard Township, Erie County, born in 1856, and the daughter of E. T. and Eliza (Seeley) Taylor, early settlers of this county and both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins have no children.

Mr. Hopkins is a Republican and has a wide acquaintance in the community where he has spent his entire life.

F. B. McCarty is a reliable and successful business man of North Girard, where he is identified with the general merchandise firm of McCarty & Gibson. He was born at Crossingville, Crawford County, Pa., June 14, 1882, and is the son of Timothy and Margaret (Burns) McCarty.

Timothy McCarty was a native of Erie County and among the early settlers of Crossingville, where he engaged in general farming. He died Aug. 18, 1894, and his wife died May 29, 1891. They were the parents of the following children: Mary, married Jacob Weithman, lives at North Girard; Rev. W. T., lives at Esopus, N. Y.; F. B., the subject of this sketch; and two children died in infancy.

F. B. McCarty received his education in the public schools of North Girard and began life railroading as a fireman for two years. In 1905 he became interested in the general merchandise business at North Girard with L. E. Gibson and their business has developed into one of the thriving institutions of this section of Erie County. Mr. McCarty is also a director of the National Bank of North Girard.

Mr. McCarty was married first to Miss Nellie Hilliker, who was born at North Girard, June 1, 1884, and to them three children were born: Donna, William and Francis, all students. Mrs. McCarty died Oct. 18, 1910, and is buried at Girard. On August 2, 1911, Mr. McCarty married Miss Amy Gibson, a native of Venango, Pa. They have three children: James, Catherine and John.

Mr. McCarty is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is a substantial citizen and favorably known in Erie County.

Frank M. Ward, a prosperous farmer of Girard Township, is a member of an old, substantial family of Erie County. He was born in a log cabin in Girard Township, Nov. 26, 1855, and is the son of John P. and Eunice S. (Bennett) Ward.

The Ward family has lived in Erie County since 1802. Patrick Ward came here from Ireland in that year and located on a farm of 400 acres. His son, John K., was the first male child born in this county and he was born on this farm in Girard Township. Patrick Ward lived to be 109 years of age and when 103 years walked from his farm to Girard to cast his vote during the presidential election. Edward Ward, another son, was the father of John P., father of the subject of this sketch.

John P. Ward served throughout the Civil War and died in 1900. He spent most of his life on the lakes and in later life was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church, and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. To Mr. and Mrs. John P. Ward the following children were born: Adelbert, a Civil War veteran, lives retired at North Girard; Edward W. died May 17, 1925; Frank M., the subject of this sketch; Charles and Bennett, both deceased.

Frank M. Ward received his education in the schools of Girard Township and attended the North Kingsville, Ohio, High School. He began life as a farmer, but soon became interested in the manufacture of concrete

blocks, in which enterprise he engaged for 20 years. He has since lived on his farm and engaged successfully in truck gardening.

Mr. Ward was married first to Miss Lucinda Hassley, on Sept. 22, 1882. She was born in Erie County, Oct. 20, 1855. To them the following children were born: Clyde, died in infancy; Bennett C., deceased; and Ora, deceased. Mrs. Ward died April 3, 1900, and in October, 1906, Mr. Ward was married to Miss Delia Stelle, a native of Crawford County, Pa., born Jan. 5, 1860. She was educated in the public schools and the State Normal School at Edinboro, and is the daughter of A. F. and Garrie (Randolph) Stelle, who were the parents of the following children: Alfred, deceased; Eleanor, the widow of George Scrafford, lives in Denver, Colo.; Adelaide, the widow of Martin L. Davis, lives at Conneautville, Pa.; Mrs. Ward; Charles, lives in Chicago; Lucy, lives in Pennsylvania; and Benjamin, deceased. Mr. Stelle died March 6, 1905, and his wife died Oct. 20, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have no children.

Mr. Ward is a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is held in high regard throughout the community and is an excellent citizen of Erie County.

Francis L. Tyrrell, a well known citizen of North Girard, now living retired, was born in Hampshire County, Mass., Jan. 14, 1845, the son of Izra and Lucy (Lowden) Tyrrell.

Izra Tyrrell spent his entire life at Plainfield, Mass., and was a pioneer manufacturer. To Mr. and Mrs. Tyrrell, deceased, the following children were born: Horace, Lowden, Lucy Jane, Augustus, Janice, F. L., the subject of this sketch, and Susan. All are deceased except F. L. Tyrrell.

F. L. Tyrrell was educated in the schools of Plainfield, Mass., and in 1876 came to Erie County and settled at North Girard. He engaged in the grocery business and later the livery business. He then conducted a coal business here for 20 years and is now retired.

In 1875 Mr. Tyrrell was united in marriage with Miss Christina Green, of Cattaraugus County, N. Y., born in 1856, and the daughter of Dr. John and Sallie (Niles) Green, natives of New Albion, Cattaraugus County, N. Y. Mrs. Tyrrell died in August, 1918, leaving a son, Clyde L., who is ticket agent for the New York Central Railroad at North Girard.

Mr. Tyrrell is a Republican and a member of the Congregational church. He has an excellent standing in Erie County and is highly respected.

Lucius O. Eldredge, a well known and highly respected citizen of North Springfield, now living retired, is a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Nashua, N. H., Oct. 30, 1837, and is the son of Michael Rudolph and Relief Lawrence (Hart) Eldredge.

Michael R. Eldredge was a native of Nashua, N. H., and the son of Dr. Micah Eldredge, a prominent pioneer physician and surgeon of Nashua. His son, Michael, was a shoemaker by trade and died in 1840. His wife, a native of Vermont, died Oct. 1, 1905, and is buried at East Springfield, Pa. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge: Lucius O., the subject of this sketch, and Michael Rudolph, deceased, was a Civil War veteran.

Lucius O. Eldredge received his education in a log school house at Salisbury, N. H., and in September, 1852, came west to Erie County and settled at East Springfield. He later lived at Girard, where he was employed at his trade as harness maker by John T. Simmons. Mr. Eldredge has lived at North Springfield since 1888. He has served as postmaster of this village for 15 years, and as justice of the peace for ten years.

On Aug. 8, 1862, Mr. Eldredge enlisted for service during the Civil War with Company D, 145th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and was in service until the close of the war. He was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg.

Mr. Eldredge was married first on Feb. 1, 1860, to Miss Lucy M. Everett, a native of East Springfield, Pa., born Sept. 1, 1834. She died March 17, 1870, leaving four sons: George Clifton, born Nov. 20, 1860, died at Pittsburgh, Feb. 13, 1904; Charles Gilman, born July 14, 1862, a marine engineer, lives in Florida; Herman Elliott, born July 7, 1866, editor with the Christian Publishing Company at Dayton, Ohio; and Frank Rudolph, born March 2, 1868, died Dec. 6, 1896.

On Oct. 10, 1871, Mr. Eldredge was married to Miss Harriet Strickland, a native of Cattaraugus County, N. Y., born May 31, 1843, the daughter of William and Betsy (Wadsworth) Strickland, natives of England and New York, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Strickland, who settled in Erie County in 1848, were the parents of the following children: William, deceased; Sarah, married Obediah Allen, both deceased; Mrs. Eldredge; John, died June 22, 1925, and is buried at East Springfield, Pa.; and Catherine, deceased, was the wife of Andrew Walbridge. To Lucius O. and Harriet (Strickland) Eldredge, five children were born, as follows: Reginald Morton, born Nov. 3, 1872, lives in Erie; Gertrude Louise, born Oct.

22, 1877, married Homer Hazden, lives at Lakeview, N. Y.; William Strickland, born Aug. 8, 1879, is connected with the Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago; Thomas Webster, born March 1, 1882, was killed in a railroad accident Sept. 18, 1903; and Elsie May, born March 7, 1886, married Ellsworth B. Thayer, an engineer on the Nickel Plate Railroad, lives at Conneaut, Ohio.

Mr. Eldredge is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. He ranks as one of the dependable citizens of his community.

John F. Miles represents one of the very earliest families of Erie County, and the name which he bears is indelibly traced on the history of its pages of this country from early colonial days to the present. William Miles, his grandfather, was both a farmer and surveyor, and it was as a member of a surveying party under David Watts that he first came to Erie County. In 1795 he brought his family here, the family making the trip on horseback. He and his brother-in-law were the first white settlers here. They located in what is now Concord Township and in 1800 moved to what is now Union City, where William Miles farmed and followed surveying, and also with pack horses brought in provisions from Pittsburgh to the early settlers. In those early days he built mills to grind their corn, and on one occasion with two or three others he walked the entire distance to Pittsburgh to vote for one of the early governors. Both he and his wife are buried in the Girard Cemetery.

James Miles, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Northumberland County, Pa., in 1792, and his wife, Eliza Dunham, was born in Crawford County, Pa. In 1828 he left his parents' home and located on a farm at the mouth of Elk Creek in Girard Township, and there he spent the remainder of his life as an agriculturist, his death occurring in March, 1868. His political affiliations were with the Whig party and he at one time served as one of the commissioners of Erie County. He was also associate judge of his county and held many of the township offices. To Mr. and Mrs. Miles the following children were born: Mary J., widow of William M. Bell, is deceased; Phineas Dunham, deceased; Julia Marie, married John H. Hall, both deceased; James Miles, deceased; William W., who was killed in the Civil War; Zeruah M., deceased; John F., the subject of this sketch; and Eliza R., married A. S. M. Morgan, both deceased.

John F. Miles was born in Girard Township, Jan. 30, 1842. He was ed-

ucated in the district schools and attended Girard Academy, which was opened in 1851, and Pennsylvania State College. He has always been extensively engaged in general farming and stockraising and owns 800 acres of good farm land in Erie County, a mile of which land is located on the lake front. Mr. Miles is also interested in real estate. He lives at North Springfield.

On Jan. 28, 1904, Mr. Miles was married to Miss Frances J. Holiday, who was born in the present Miles home at North Springfield. She is the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Porter) Holiday, natives of Girard Township, and parents of the following children: Robert P., a Civil War veteran, deceased; Charles C., a Civil War veteran, deceased; William, died in infancy; Dr. Benjamin W., deceased; Susan M., the widow of A. J. Thomas, lives at North Springfield; Dr. W. W., deceased; Mrs. Miles; and Elizabeth, married William Lee Lord, both deceased. Samuel Holiday, who died Nov. 27, 1901, was a son of Samuel and Jeanette (Campbell) Holiday, who settled in Erie County in 1796. Mr. and Mrs. Miles have no children.

Mr. Miles is a Republican and a member of the Episcopal Church.

Alton A. Deming, deceased, was for many years a progressive business man of Erie, and the founder of the A. A. Deming Lumber Company, a leading lumber concern in this section of Pennsylvania. He was born at Spring Creek, Warren County, Pa., in 1862, and was the son of J. O. and Mary (Johnson) Deming.

J. O. Deming and his wife were born, reared and married in Warren County, Pa., his birth having occurred in 1829, and she was born in 1844. He was a prosperous farmer of his time and a highly esteemed citizen. To Mr. and Mrs. Deming were born five children, namely: L. L.; Alton A., the subject of this sketch; C. C.; Clair; Mattie; and Addie D., who died in 1908, was the wife of John H. Donaldson, of Spring Creek, Pa.

Alton A. Deming came to Erie immediately after his marriage in 1889. He soon established a contracting and building business which he carried on successfully for 15 years. He then decided to engage in the retail lumber business and located his plant at the corner of Buffalo Road and East Avenue. This business increased steadily until Mr. Deming found that a larger building and more yard space were necessary to handle the trade. Accordingly, in 1912, he erected a large two-story steel and concrete warehouse and mill-working plant with a floor space of thirty

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thousand square feet and with an unloading capacity of seven car loads of lumber at one time. This building has sufficient floor space to house nearly all of the rough and dressed lumber carried in stock and to take care of the mill work necessary for the trade. The entire plant is equipped with new electrical machinery. Traveling salesmen have stated that it is the largest and only storage warehouse of its kind in the retail lumber trade in the country. Mr. Deming's success was due to his strict personal attention to business and to his ability to secure good and able assistance. Mr. George W. Bauschard was for many years Mr. Deming's assistant and superintendent. After the death of Mr. Deming, which occurred June 11, 1920, Mrs. Deming, to whom was left the entire business, appointed Mr. Bauschard business manager of the firm. The business is now conducted under the name of A. A. Deming Lumber Company.

On Aug. 5, 1889, Mr. Deming was married to Miss Flora L. Bogue, of Jamestown, N. Y., and the daughter of James H. and Polly (Phillips) Bogue, of Wattsburg, Pa., whose ancestors trace back to the early Colonial days.

Ever since Mrs. A. A. Deming came to Erie she has been interested in social and philanthropic organizations and has been a prominent leader in church affairs. At one time she organized a Sunday School class of 269 young men in Wayne Street M. E. Church. She taught these young men for many years and always kept the membership of the class at approximately this number. The class had an orchestra of 40 pieces and a chorus of 50 voices.

For several years Mrs. Deming was president of the Ladies' Aid Society and, while holding this office, organized the Young Ladies' Auxiliary, which has proved to be of great assistance to the church. It is now known as the MacDonald Ladies' Aid Society. Besides these activities, Mrs. Deming served as organist of the church and for 25 years she was a member of and a soloist in the choir. She was also a member of the Epworth League and of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies.

Mrs. Deming is an active member of many organizations throughout the city and has held such offices as: Worthy Matron of Erie Chapter Order of the Eastern Star; Vice-President of the Needlework Guild; Member of the Board of Managers of the Old Ladies' Home, of the Home for the Friendless, and of the Associated Charities; and also a member of the Board of the Cribb's Memorial Home at Conneaut Lake. She served as President of the Board of Managers of the Young Women's

Christian Association in 1923-24, and during that time assisted in instituting the Southeast Center, Y. W. C. A., located at 961-963 Buffalo Road. She is in a large measure responsible for the success of this new enterprise. She is a member of the Women's Club, the Erie County League of Women Voters, the Republican League of Women Voters, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Altruistic Club, the Frances Willard W. C. T. U., the Art Club of Erie, the Daughters of American Colonists, and the Erie Chamber of Commerce.

Besides giving financial support to many organizations in Erie, Mrs. Deming has donated generously to colleges and has helped many students to complete their college courses. She has recently donated funds for the establishment of two memorials, a church in India to be known as the James Hubbard Bogue Memorial Church, and a chapel at Lucknow College, to be known as the Bogue-Phillips Memorial. Both the paternal and maternal records of Mrs. Deming's family are given here.

John Bogue, born in 1661 in Glasgow, Scotland, settled in East Haddam, Conn., in 1680, and there married Miss Rebecca Walkley. He served several terms in the Legislature. His son, James, married Sarah Hodge of East Haddam and their son, James, married Eunice Clark of Lyme, Conn. Both father and son of these two generations served in the Colonial Wars. The children of James and Eunice (Clark) Bogue were all born in East Haddam. They were (1) Louisa Ann, (2) Rebecca, (3) John, (4) James, (5) Elijah, and (6) Clark. Elijah married Ann Loveridge, daughter of Lewis Loveridge, who was the son of an English sea captain, born in Boston in 1711, and who later settled in Colchester, Conn. Elijah and Ann (Loveridge) Bogue moved to Wheatland, N. Y. Their children were: (1) James, married Harriet Stimpson, (2) Eunice, married ——— Lathrop, (3) Ruth, (4) Jerius, (5) Elijah Loveridge, married Rhoda Ann Brown, (6) Calvin, married Waty Caroline Brown, daughter of William and Hannah (Briggs) Brown (and sister of Rhoda Ann Brown), (7) Ann, (8) Keziah, (9) Stewart Allen, married Patty Totten.

The children of Calvin and Waty Caroline (Briggs) Brown: (1) James Hubbard, married Polly Phillips, daughter of Israel Wesley and Polly (Briggs) Phillips. (Polly Briggs was a sister of Hannah Briggs, who married William Brown.) James Hubbard married second Miss Jeanette Alice Briggs. (2) Francis Philander, married Jeanette Knowlton, lived in Irving, Kans. (3) Polly, married Moses Moody, residence,

Ottawa, Illinois. (4) George, killed in Civil War, buried at Alexandria, Va.; (5) Caleb, married Sarah Ann McClenathan, residence, Lowville, Pa. (6) Naomi, married Timothy Sturdevant, residence, Lowville, Pa.; (7) Mary Jane, married Isaac Phillips, son of Israel Wesley and Polly (Briggs) Phillips, residence, Wattsburg, Pa. (8) Ellen Lucretia, married Daniel Blakely, residence, Wattsburg, Pa. (9) Lavina, died aged 14 years.

The children of James Hubbard and Polly (Phillips) Bogue: (1) Alvyette, married James Williams, residence, Kansas City; (2) Adelaide, married Milton H. Hickey, residence, Clarendon, Pa.; (3) Lavina, married Elmer Carl, residence, Wisconsin; (4) Marion Isaac, married Florice Johnson, residence, Dakota; (5) Flora L., married Alton A. Deming, residence, Erie, Pa.; (6) William Arthur, married Christine Jewett, residence, Redding, Calif.; (7) Martin Henry, married first Emmaline Orpha Parsons, second Mabel Esther Mong, residence, Erie, Pa.; (8) Hattie O., married William W. Myers, residence, Mansfield, Mass. The children of James H. Bogue by second marriage to Miss Jeanette Alice Briggs: (1) Frederick Francis, married Clara ————, residence, Buena Vista, Pa.; (2) Ethel May, married Frank Oswald, residence, Union City, Pa.

James H. Bogue, son of Calvin and Waty Caroline (Brown) Bogue, was born in Garland, Pa., in 1832. In 1856 he married Polly Phillips, daughter of Israel and Polly (Briggs) Phillips, of Lowville, Pa. They lived near Lowville until the death of his wife in 1874. Mr. Bogue married second Miss Jeanette Alice Briggs, of Union City, Pa., and lived near Union City until his death in 1905. He was an energetic and progressive farmer and was a soldier in the Civil War. In politics he was a Republican. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church from early childhood, led an upright Christian life, and was always held in the highest esteem by his neighbors and his friends.

Martin H. Bogue, son of James H. and Polly (Phillips) Bogue, was born in Venango Township in 1872. He came to Erie when a young man and for many years he was a successful contractor and builder. Mr. Bogue has always been an enterprising business man, and during his residence in this city for 34 years has done much for the advancement of the city. In 1895 he married Miss Emma Parsons, daughter of Shem and Margaret (Clark) Parsons. Their children were: (1) Verna Marie, born in 1897, married Clifford William Ellis in 1917; (2) Gladys Margaret, born in 1899; (3) Marwyn Alton, born in 1908; (4) Zella, died in infancy. Mrs. Bogue died in 1912. On Jan. 14, 1915, Mr. Bogue married Miss Mabel Esther

Mong, daughter of George W. and Christine (Friebolen) Mong of Massillon, Ohio. Their children were: (1) James Martin, born Feb. 5, 1916; (2) Christine Polly, born April 5, 1922. Mr. Bogue, with Mr. E. J. Ripley as partner, engaged in the gasoline and oil business in 1923. They erected two large and well-equipped stations and have now begun to erect stations in surrounding towns.

Clifford W. Ellis, son of Albert and Susanne Elizabeth (Fenn) Ellis, was born in 1895. In 1917 he married Miss Marie Bogue, daughter of Martin H. and Emma (Parsons) Bogue. Mr. Ellis has always been a resident of Erie. For several years he was connected with the Hammermill Paper Company. He is now associated with the A. A. Deming Lumber Company. Their children are: (1) Richard William, born Feb. 13, 1918; (2) Ruth Marie, born Nov. 20, 1919; (3) Marion Jean, born May 20, 1922, and (4) Roger Crosby, born Sept. 23, 1924.

Nicholas Phillips, of Weymouth, Mass., died in 1672. His son, Richard, had a son, John, who settled in Easton, Mass., and who was the first person of that town to receive a Captain's commission. He died in Easton in 1760. His son, Thomas, was born in Easton in 1712 and later moved to Ashfield, Mass., where he was prominent in town affairs. His son, Philip Phillips, was born in Ashfield in 1738. He was justice of the peace and a member of the Legislature. He was made Captain of a military company in Ashfield and had one platoon at the general muster which was made of his eleven sons. Israel Wesley Phillips, a grandson of Philip Phillips, married Polly Briggs in New York State and they moved to Lowville, Pa., in 1840. He was a drummer in the War of 1812. Their children were: (1) Simeon, married Lavina Watson at Angelica, N. Y., residence, Coffeeville, Kan.; (2) Ira, married Mary Pratt, of Angelica. He died in Sheffield, Pa.; (3) Elizabeth, married Gilbert Bentley in Erie County, residence in Michigan; (4) Mary Ann, lived near Angelica; (5) Amanda, married Joseph Moore in Venango Township, lived in Dean Valley; (6) Polly, born 1837, married James H. Bogue, residence, Lowville, Pa.; (7) Israel, married Julia Travis in Illinois; (8) Isaac, born in 1842, married Mary Jane Bogue, 1865, residence, Wattsburg, Pa.; (9) Emory and Emily, born in 1843; Emory married Mary Jane Moore, lived at Coffeeville, Kan.

Isaac Phillips, son of Israel Wesley and Polly (Briggs) Phillips, was born in Venango Township in 1842. In 1865 he married Mary Jane Bogue, daughter of Calvin and Waty Caroline Bogue. They settled near Wattsburg and raised a family of four children. Mr. Phillips was a soldier in the

Civil War, was a successful farmer, was an influential citizen and is much respected in his community. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips retired from farm life several years ago and now reside in Wattsburg. They are in good health and recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Their children are: (1) Mary Jane, married Richard Brozait, residence, Erie, Pa.; (2) George Ashley, married Lou Austin, residence, Wattsburg, Pa.; (3) Fred Wesley, residence, Wattsburg, Pa.; and (4) Samuel H.

Alexander Teudhope, who lives retired at East Springfield, is a prominent citizen of Erie County. He was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, in July, 1853, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Hamilton) Teudhope.

Thomas Teudhope was a native of Scotland, as was his wife. At the age of 21 years he came to this country and settled in Trumbull County, Ohio, later removing to Crawford County, Pa., in 1869. He was an extensive land owner and specialized in dairy farming. Mr. Teudhope was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He died March 5, 1887, and his wife died May 14, 1898. They were the parents of the following children: John, who died in 1921; Kate, the widow of Robert Mitchell, lives at Conneautville, Pa.; Robert, lives retired at Sioux City, Iowa; Alexander, the subject of this sketch; Maggie, deceased, was the wife of Walker Thompson; Mary, the widow of Edward Hutchinson, lives in California; Emma, the widow of C. M. Carnehan, lives in Los Angeles, Cal.; and George, who resides on the old homestead in Crawford County.

Alexander Teudhope attended the schools of Conneautville and spent his boyhood on his father's farm in Crawford County. At an early age he engaged in the milling business for several years. He has also been interested in general farming and stock raising and owns 120 acres of good farm land in Girard Township.

On May 1, 1888, Mr. Teudhope was united in marriage with Miss Emma Guilliford, who was born in Girard Township, Aug. 24, 1855, the daughter of David B. and Ann (Morton) Guilliford, natives of Erie County, and the parents of the following children: Samuel F., a Civil War veteran; James Byron, deceased; Eliza Ann, married Paul Richens, lives retired at Grand Rapids, Mich.; Effie, married M. Smith, both deceased; Margaret, married Isaac Bowman, both deceased; Mrs. Teudhope; John C., lives at Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Rebecca Jane, died in infancy. Mr. Guilliford died May 14, 1887, and his wife died Jan. 16, 1901. To Mr. and Mrs. Teudhope were born three children: Charles, a veteran of the World

War, was born Jan. 12, 1889, lives at North Girard; Thomas, born Aug. 31, 1890, lives on the old homestead in Girard Township; and Lucy, born July 22, 1894, a nurse, married Dr. Herman Jacobs, lives at Athens, Ohio. There are six grandchildren: Ruth, June, Geraldine, Thomas, Jr., and Priscilla Teudhope, and David Jacobs.

Mr. Teudhope has served as school director and councilman of East Springfield for a number of years. He is a Republican and ranks as one of the dependable citizens of his community.

John C. Hughes, retired justice of the peace of East Springfield, is an honored pioneer citizen of Erie County. He was born in Crawford County, Pa., May 10, 1844, and is the son of LaMar and Mariah (Post) Hughes.

LaMar Hughes came to Pennsylvania from New York at an early date and settled in Crawford County, where he became a prosperous farmer. He held several township offices and died June 25, 1888. His wife died in 1874. To Mr. and Mrs. Hughes the following children were born: Jane, married Gardiner Fish, both deceased; Rachael, married Hiram Shackley, both deceased; Mary, married John Myler, both deceased; Elizabeth, married Joseph Beach, both deceased; and John C., the subject of this sketch.

John C. Hughes grew up on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He learned the carpenter trade when a young man and later engaged in business at East Springfield, where he conducted an undertaking establishment for twenty-four years. Mr. Hughes has lived in Erie County since 1863, and for forty-two years served continuously as justice of the peace at East Springfield. He has lived retired since January, 1924.

Mr. Hughes was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Geer, who was born in Springfield Township, May 7, 1848, the daughter of Nelson and Eunice Geer, leading pioneer citizens of Erie County. Mr. Geer died March 11, 1863, and his wife died May 5, 1855. To John C. and Mary E. (Geer) Hughes were born three children: Roy L., lives in Ashtabula, Ohio, was married April 9, 1896, to Miss Mattie Seeley; May M., married Nov. 23, 1897, to Roy O. Thompson, a farmer, East Springfield; and Fred J., married March 5, 1902, to Marie P. Chapman.

Mr. Hughes was married the second time Sept. 6, 1921, to Emma Jenks Rutland, the widow of John B. Rutland. Mr. and Mrs. Rutland

had seven children, three boys and four girls: Jeffe, deceased; Jennie, wife of Charles C. Blood; Gaylor, a farmer; Minnie D., deceased; Gladys, wife of Albert Everett, Albion, Pa.; Beryl, wife of Ervin Mayer, Albion, Pa.; Howell J., Cleveland, Ohio. John B. Rutland died Nov. 9, 1915.

Politically, Mr. Hughes is a Republican. He holds membership in the Christian Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Charles M. Hutchinson, a representative citizen of Girard, is a member of a family that is prominently connected with the early history of Erie County. He was born in Girard on April 25, 1854. He is the son of Monroe and Mary (Stewart) Hutchinson and the grandson of Miron Hutchinson who came to Girard in 1817 and settled on a tract of land just west of Elk Creek and the present town.

Miron Hutchinson was the son of David Hutchinson of Madison County, New York, a Revolutionary soldier. Miron Hutchinson married Nancy Wells, daughter of Thurston Wells, who was the first settler of what is now Girard. His lands comprised a large part of the present town. He was a postmaster before the town was called Girard. The postoffice was called Elk Creek postoffice and the village Wellsborough. He laid out and gave the public park in the center of the town of Girard. His residence, a cobblestone one, the first of any consequence, was built just north of the park.

Miron and Nancy Hutchinson had eight children. They were Cornelia, Dighton, Irene, Polly Melissa, Monroe, Elizabeth Ann, Lydia, and David. Polly Melissa and Elizabeth Ann married, in turn, David Olin, a merchant and prominent citizen of Girard. Lydia married John Clemons of Erie, and David, an attorney of Erie, married May Kaiser of Girard.

Miron Hutchinson took an active part in the upbuilding of Girard and was one of its most public-spirited citizens. He held the offices of justice of the peace, postmaster, and associate judge of Erie County. He built the old Hutchinson home in Girard which was, after his death, occupied by his son Monroe and now by his grandson, Charles, the subject of this sketch.

Monroe Hutchinson spent his life in general farming. He was a Democrat and served as postmaster for a number of years. Monroe and Mary Hutchinson had four children: Miron, who died in childhood; Charles M., Lydia, the widow of Rollin C. Taggert, and Edgar C., of Girard. Charles M. Hutchinson was engaged in railroad construction work with

the Northern Pacific railroad in early life, but since 1907 has been connected with the Erie City Manufacturing Company of Erie, Pa.

In 1895 Mr. Hutchinson was married to Marion, daughter of William H. and Clarissa (Hinds) Palmer, natives of Erie County. Charles and Marion Hutchinson have one child, a son, Palmer Hall Hutchinson, who was born in the old Hutchinson home in Girard on June 6, 1896. Palmer Hutchinson is a member of the editorial staff of the Detroit News and resides in Detroit, Mich. He served as ensign in the World War on the battleship Arkansas with the British grand fleet.

Dr. Hagar MacLean Wishart, a leading physician of Erie County, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of her profession at North East for 16 years, is a native of Canada. She was born in Ontario, and is the daughter of Dr. MacGreggor and Mary (Ferson) Wishart.

The Wishart family is among the prominent pioneer families of Ontario. Col. Wishart was a member of the Revolutionary army and was stationed at Quebec. He died there at the age of 33 years. His son, Dr. MacGreggor Wishart, became a leading surgeon of Ontario and is now deceased, as is also his wife.

Dr. Hagar MacLean Wishart was reared and educated in Canada and in 1906 was graduated from the Women's Medical University. In 1909 she came to North East and has built up a splendid practice throughout the community. Dr. Wishart is interested in several leading industries of North East, among them being the Blaine Mackay-Lee Company. She is a charter member of the North East Golf Club.

Dr. Wishart is a member of the Erie County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. She is a Republican.

Walter G. Elliott, a well known citizen of Erie County, engaged in the real estate and insurance business at West Springfield, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Brownsville, Fayette County, Nov. 26, 1884, and is the son of O. P. and Dora (Graeser) Elliott.

O. P. Elliott spent his entire life in Jefferson Township, Fayette County, Pa., and was a prosperous farmer. He owned 220 acres of land and specialized in the breeding of Jersey cattle. He died in 1905, and his wife died in 1925. They are buried at Brownsville, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Elliott were born four children: Walter G., the subject of this sketch;

H. Mac L. Kinkaid M.D.

A. H., lives at Manatee, Florida; E. B., lives at Manatee, Florida, and A. W., a World War veteran, lives at York, Pa.

Walter G. Elliott was reared and educated at Brownsville and for a number of years was interested in general farming and stock raising. Since 1919 he has been associated in business with Mr. Walker at West Springfield, the firm being known as Walker & Elliott. Mr. Elliott is also half owner of the Walker Sand Company, and owns a farm of 220 acres in Fayette County.

On June 27, 1912, Mr. Elliott was married to Miss Gertrude Forsythe, a native of Jefferson Township, Fayette County, and the daughter of Eli and Catherine (Woods) Forsythe, who were the parents of the following children: Frank, deceased; Olive J., lives at Washington, Pa.; Minnie, William E., John R., and Harry, all of whom live at Washington, Pa.; Blanche, deceased; and Mrs. Elliott. Mr. Forsythe was a Civil War veteran and died Feb. 15, 1890. His wife died July 18, 1887. To Mr. and Mrs. Elliott a son, Duane W., was born, Sept. 22, 1914.

Mr. Elliott is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is held in high regard throughout the community and is an excellent citizen.

W. S. Turner, who lives retired at North Springfield, is well and favorably known in Erie County, where he has spent his entire life. He was born at West Springfield, June 16, 1849, and is the son of Alexander H. and Parner (Scott) Turner.

Alexander H. Turner, a native of Newburgh, N. Y., came to Erie County with his parents when six years of age and settled at Girard. After his marriage he removed to West Springfield, where he followed his trade as blacksmith and machinist. To Mr. and Mrs. Turner the following children were born: W. S., the subject of this sketch; Ellen, Isabel, Andrew, and Ralph, all deceased; Almeda, married William Skivington, lives at North Girard; Estella, married Byron Stearns, lives at North Girard; Jay B., lives in Pittsburgh; and Laura, deceased.

W. S. Turner received his education in the schools of West Springfield and in 1872 entered the employ of the New York Central Railroad, with whom he remained continuously until the time of his retirement, July 1, 1920. He was foreman of construction.

On July 13, 1871, Mr. Turner was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Helen Welch, a native of Fairview Township, Erie County, born

March 17, 1850, and a daughter of Edwin and Catherine (Metzker) Welch, natives of New York. Mr. Welch was born April 22, 1814, and died Dec. 10, 1887. His wife was born April 11, 1819, and died May 18, 1870. They were the parents of the following children: Anna Jane, died Nov. 19, 1913, was the wife of John Failes; George, died May 9, 1918; John and Frank, deceased; Alonzo, died in 1925; Mrs. Turner; Laura, deceased, was the wife of Henry Hills; Edward, lives at North East, and Mary Elizabeth, deceased. Mr. Welch served throughout the Civil War, as did his three sons, George, John, and Frank. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Turner two children were born: Charles Webster and Laura Adella.

Charles Webster Turner was born at North Springfield, Nov. 20, 1873, and was married June 29, 1898, to Miss Anna Kelly, of Erie. They have two children: Velma M., born Sept. 18, 1902, and Carl Winfield, born May 4, 1906. Mr. Turner resides in Erie and is connected with the New York Central Railroad.

Laura Adella Turner was born at North Springfield, Aug. 27, 1877. She is connected with the schools of Elizabeth, N. J., and is head of one of the English departments. She was married Jan. 1, 1910, to Ernest Hamilton Hurd, a professor of modern languages.

Mr. Turner is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Homer A. Mills is a substantial citizen of Erie County and a member of a well known pioneer family. He was born in Conneaut Township, Feb. 12, 1883, and is the son of George C. and Nettie M. (Fullerton) Mills.

George C. Mills, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born on a farm in Conneaut Township, Nov. 25, 1839, and is a son of Jesse and Harriet Mills, natives of Oneida County, N. Y., who came to Erie County about 1830 and settled in Conneaut Township. Mr. Mills enlisted Aug. 20, 1861, in Company H, 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, the first regiment to leave Erie County. It was connected with the Third Brigade, 5th Corps, Army of the Potomac. He participated in the siege of Yorktown and the battles of Hanover Court House, Chickahominy, Gaines Mills, Malvern Hill, Fredericksburg, Rappahannock Station and Miner Run. He also took part in the battle of the Wilderness, Laurel Hill, and in the entire siege of Petersburg; and was at the front

and on duty for 37 months, with the exception of six weeks spent in the hospital.

He was a life long Republican and occupied public offices of prominence in both town and county. He was elected and served six years as county commissioner. Mr. Mills died Jan. 4, 1902, and is buried at East Springfield. His wife, a native of Crawford County, Pa., resides with her son, Homer A., and is now 81 years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Mills three children were born: Arthur D., a farmer, lives in Springfield Township; Nora, married O. J. Cross, a merchant, East Springfield; and Homer A., the subject of this sketch.

Homer A. Mills received his education in the public and high schools of East Springfield and in early life engaged in the hotel and livery business which was discontinued in 1917. Since 1909 he has conducted an undertaking establishment at East Springfield.

Mr. Mills was married to Miss Laura Baldwin, a native of East Springfield. They have a daughter, Irma, born Feb. 18, 1918.

Mr. Mills has served as Overseer of the Poor since January, 1920. He is a Republican, a member of the Christian Church, a 32nd degree Mason and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Calvin L. Johnson is a substantial and reliable citizen of West Springfield, where he lives retired. He was born in this township, June 3, 1851, and is the son of Calvin and Mary (Thayer) Johnson.

Calvin Johnson, deceased, was born in New York and at an early age came to Erie County and settled on a farm in Springfield Township. He was born Nov. 11, 1810, and died May 23, 1885. His wife was a native of Springfield Township, born Nov. 12, 1813, and she is also deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson three children were born: Henry, deceased; Malvira, married Ransom Hill, both deceased; and Calvin L., the subject of this sketch.

Calvin L. Johnson has always lived in Springfield Township. After completing his schooling he farmed on the home place and later became the owner of a well improved farm of 100 acres. He now owns his residence and 25 acres on Ridge Road.

On March 4, 1873, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Whiton, a native of Springfield Township, born May 29, 1854, and the daughter of Edward and Theresa (Dewey) Whiton, both deceased. There were five children in the Whiton family: William, deceased; Mrs.

Johnson, who died March 29, 1914; Marietta, married Joseph Johnson, lives retired at North Girard; Charles, deceased; and Bell, married Horace Thayer, lives in Springfield Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson reared an adopted daughter, Matie H. Gray, who is a native of Beaver Center, Pa. She was educated in the public schools of West Springfield and Conneaut High School and was appointed postmistress of West Springfield under President Taft's administration on Jan. 6, 1912. She has since served in this capacity and is most efficient and capable.

Mr. Johnson is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is favorably known in Erie County and has a wide acquaintance.

U. Z. Woodruff, retired farmer of West Springfield, is a substantial citizen of Erie County. He was born in Ashtabula County, Dec. 6, 1850, and is the son of Edward and Martha (Worthing) Woodruff.

Edward Woodruff was a native of Hartford, Conn., and his wife was born in New Hampshire. They were early settlers of Ashtabula County, where Mr. Woodruff improved a farm of 288 acres. He was a Republican, and served as justice of the peace for a number of years. To Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff, now deceased, the following children were born: Lucien, died in 1924; Esther, married Dr. B. Baker, both deceased; Frances, deceased, was the wife of Truman Alderman, who lives at Ashtabula, Ohio; U. Z., the subject of this sketch; V. B., and O. W., who live at Rock Creek, Ohio; Rosamond, the widow of Warren Patch, lives in Morgan Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio; Florence S., the widow of Clarence Gordon, lives at Ashtabula; and Otis, deceased.

U. Z. Woodruff received his education in the schools of Ashtabula County and for a number of years was interested in farming in that section. He then conducted an agency for entertainment work. He later operated a farm. Mr. Woodruff now lives retired. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff's home which is located on Ridge Road is known as "Grape Vine Inn", and is a popular tourist house.

Mr. Woodruff was married first on Sept. 11, 1873, to Miss Florence Pond, a native of Windsor Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, born in 1850. She died June 10, 1919, and is buried at Oberlin, Ohio. To them four children were born: Clarence M., born Sept. 30, 1874, a graduate of Oberlin College, and for a number of years president of the school

board of Akron, Ohio, was killed in an accident Jan. 25, 1922; Rev. L. D., mention of whom is made below; Arthur Byrne, born in 1881, served as a Y. M. C. A. secretary during the World War, is identified with the Harris Printing Company, Cleveland; and Mabel, born Dec. 30, 1893, a graduate of Oberlin College, and is now secretary to the superintendent of the City Hospital, Cleveland.

Rev. L. D. Woodruff was born at Windsor, Ohio. He represented the Congregational Church and did missionary work in Bulgaria. During the World War he was sent to Paris to attend the arms conference as a representative of the Bulgarian government. He died at Sofie, capital of Bulgaria, June 14, 1922.

On May 22, 1921, U. Z. Woodruff was married to Hattie (Hubbard) Hites, a native of Crawford County, Pa., born April 21, 1860, and the daughter of John T. and Emiline (Cooper) Hubbard. Mr. Hubbard died September 5, 1896, and his wife died Sept. 21, 1910. They had five children: A. T., lives in Iowa; Mary, married T. B. West, both deceased; Carrie, deceased, was the wife of William Head; William H., deceased; and Mrs. Woodruff. By her first marriage to Ira Hites Mrs. Woodruff had two children: Lillian, born March 19, 1884, married A. J. Sherman, and she died April 23, 1911; and William H. Hites, born April 2, 1886, an engineer on the Nickel Plate Railroad, lives at Conneaut, Ohio.

Mr. Woodruff is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are highly respected citizens of Erie County.

Dr. Charles E. McCune is a successful physician and surgeon of Erie County and is engaged in the practice of his profession at West Springfield. He was born in Fayette County, Pa., Nov. 20, 1862, and is the son of Gilbert G. and Elizabeth (Leatherman) McCune.

Gilbert G. McCune was born in Allegheny County, Pa., and his wife was a native of Westmoreland County, Pa. He spent a number of years in Virginia and later removed to Fayette County, Pa., where he was extensively engaged in general farming and stock raising. He died in 1910 and his wife died in 1890. To Mr. and Mrs. McCune the following children were born: Josephine, the widow of Alexander Fox, lives at Newell, Pa.; James G., lives at Homestead, Pa.; Abraham, died in 1874; Jennie, married James Hebrank, lives at Jeannette, Pa.; Elizabeth, married Robert Donaldson, St. Paul, Minn.; Charles E., the subject of this sketch;

Dr. Fred K., a physician at Girard; and Dr. Guyer, a physician at McKeesport, Pa.

Dr. Charles E. McCune spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the public schools and Farmington College, Ohio. He studied medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, from which he received his degree in 1897. Doctor McCune then established his practice at Buena Vista, Pa., where he remained for 17 years. He was also surgeon for the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad for that period of time. After removing to Erie County he was located at East Springfield for four years, after which he settled at West Springfield.

On Nov. 21, 1900, Doctor McCune was united in marriage with Miss Clara M. Smith, a native of Wellington, Ohio, and the daughter of P. W. and Laura J. (Coles) Smith. Mr. Smith was born April 30, 1830, and died April 8, 1897. His wife was born in Connecticut, Jan. 29, 1830, and died May 31, 1910. They had two children: Arthur G., deceased; and Mrs. McCune. To Doctor and Mrs. McCune two children were born: Gilbert G., born at Buena Vista, Pa., now a student in Bucknell University, and Eunice, who died in September, 1924. She is buried at East Springfield.

Doctor McCune is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is a capable, energetic and public spirited man and well liked in the community in which he lives.

J. Arthur Johnson, principal of the schools of West Springfield, is among the leading and influential citizens of Erie County. He was born at Clarendon, Pa., Oct. 23, 1890, and is the son of Charles J. and Ida (Larson) Johnson.

Charles J. Johnson was born in Sweden, as was his wife. They are early settlers of Warren County, Pa., and now reside in Warren. Mr. Johnson is one of the pioneer blacksmiths of that section and is well known. There are four children in the Johnson family: J. Arthur, the subject of this sketch; Carl, high school principal at Warren, Pa., is a World War veteran; Lawrence, at home; and Esther, who will be graduated from Edinboro State Normal School, in 1926.

J. Arthur Johnson was graduated from Clarendon High School in 1908 and from Edinboro State College in 1913. He was a teacher at Redondo Beach, Cal., for several years, after which he served as principal of the schools at Youngsville, Pa. During the World War he enlisted with the marines in January, 1918, and was stationed at Quantico, Va. He was

discharged March 22, 1919. Mr. Johnson then became an instructor at Edinboro State Normal School and after one year served as principal of Edinboro High School. Since September, 1919, he has been located at West Springfield.

On July 2, 1918, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Miss Gladys Johnson, who was born in Warren County, Pa., Dec. 25, 1898, the daughter of August and Hilda (Anderson) Johnson, natives of New York, and the parents of the following children: Mrs. Johnson; Rachael, married Fred Anderson, lives in Cleveland; Evaline, married Walton Erickson, lives at Jamestown, N. Y.; and Edward, a student. Mr. Johnson died in December, 1913, and his widow resides at Jamestown, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have a son, John Arthur, born Sept. 17, 1923. Since her marriage Mrs. Johnson was also a teacher in the schools of West Springfield.

Mr. Johnson holds membership in the Lutheran church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Republican.

Stephen M. Edwards, who is engaged in fruit farming on Ridge Road, West Springfield, is a native of Erie County. He is the son of Reuben and Mary (Sweet) Edwards.

Reverend Reuben Edwards was born in Portage County, Ohio, and many years ago removed to Warren County, Pa. He was a minister of the Methodist Church and died in 1851. His wife was later married to Rev. N. W. Jones, now deceased. She died Sept. 22, 1921, and is buried at Conneaut, Ohio. By her first marriage one child was born, S. M., the subject of this sketch. To her second marriage two children were born: H. C. Jones, lives in Buffalo, N. Y.; and Annette, married C. N. Thomas, lives retired at West Springfield.

S. M. Edwards began life as a railroader. He was educated in the public schools and later attended Edinboro State Normal School. He has since been interested in the raising of fruit and poultry and has a modern farm of four acres on Ridge Road.

In 1873 Mr. Edwards was united in marriage with Miss Cora Dean, a native of Ashtabula County, Ohio, born Dec. 5, 1851, and the daughter of Chauncey and Calista (Miles) Dean, natives of Ohio and both now deceased. They were the parents of four children: Hamilton, deceased; Mrs. Edwards, who died June 28, 1911; Arthur H., lives at Conneaut, Ohio; and Minnie, married Sidney Hill, lives in Florida. To S. M. and Cora (Dean) Edwards were born four children: Flora, married Sherman Thayer, lives

in Springfield Township, Erie County; Mary, married Luke F. Thayer, lives in Erie; Edna, married A. L. Mallory, lives at West Springfield; and Margaret, married A. C. White, lives at Flint, Mich.

Politically, Mr. Edwards is a Republican and he is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has always been an energetic man and stands well in the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

G. B. Wingerter, who for many years has been prominently identified with the commercial interests of Erie, is a native of Erie County. He was born in Harbor Creek Township, June 25, 1862, and is the son of Peter and Margaret (Nepper) Wingerter.

Peter Wingerter was born in Germany and came to America about 1849 and located in Erie, where he followed his trade, contracting and building, until his death, June 7, 1875. His wife died May 4, 1864. They were the parents of six children: John, associated with the Conrath Construction Company of Erie; Philip, died in 1904; Mary, married John Staub, of Denver, Colo.; Adam W., lives retired in Erie; Peter, died in 1921, and is buried at Syracuse, N. Y.; and G. B., the subject of this sketch.

G. B. Wingerter was educated in the public schools of Erie and early in life learned the cigar making trade with Manley & Company, with whom he worked about ten years. He then worked with E. A. Fette for four years, when they went to Colorado and manufactured cigars for several years. In 1883 he and his brother, Adam W., opened a factory in Central City, Colo., and two years later returned to Erie to establish the business of Wingerter Brothers. The firm is now known as Wingerter & Son. Mr. Wingerter is one of the largest jobbers of tobacco and cigars in this section of the state and operates a large cigar factory. About 40 people are employed, besides several salesmen who travel throughout Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio.

On Feb. 6, 1889, Mr. Wingerter was married to Miss Katherine Fisher, the daughter of John and Katherine (Diefenbach) Fisher, both deceased. They have a son, Emery, born March 26, 1890.

Emery Wingerter was educated at Bellefonte Academy, and was graduated from Pennsylvania State College. He is president of the Jones Furniture Company of Erie. On Oct. 9, 1915, Mr. Wingerter was united in marriage with Miss Louise DeForrest Greenwalt, of New York City, who was graduated from Barnard College in 1911. They have three children, Emery, Jr., Roger, and Donald. Mr. Wingerter is a Republican,

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a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Rotary, Kahkwa, Erie Yacht, Elks, and the Chamber of Commerce.

G. B. Wingerter is identified with the Democratic party in politics. He is a member of the Catholic church and belongs to the Kiwanis Club. He is a man of integrity and industry, and is one of the reliable and substantial men of his community.

J. M. Griffey is an enterprising and successful young business man of West Springfield. He is a native of Conneaut Township, Erie County, born Dec. 22, 1897, and the son of Morton B. and Ida E. (Hewett) Griffey.

Morton B. Griffey, deceased, was a prosperous farmer of Erie County. He was born in Conneaut Township and during his life engaged extensively in farming and stock raising. He owned 147 acres of land. Mr. Griffey died in 1909 and his wife lives at West Springfield. They had eight children, as follows: Aggie, deceased; Carl, an engineer on the Nickel Plate Railroad, lives at Conneaut, Ohio; Neta, married Ray Laughey, lives at Girard; Mary, at home; Edgar, a farmer, lives in Alberta, Canada, is a World War veteran; J. M., the subject of this sketch; Dorothy and Mildred, both at home.

J. M. Griffey received his education in the schools of Conneaut Township and spent his boyhood on the home farm. He spent several years farming, after which he engaged in the hardware business at Conneaut, Ohio. On March 7, 1921, he engaged in the general merchandise business at West Springfield, and three years later took in Mr. Merritt as a partner. They carry a fine grade of merchandise and have a well established trade.

Mr. Griffey is identified with the Republican party in politics and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Christian A. Fisher, superintendent and manager of the American Monument Company, East Springfield, is among the successful business men of Erie County. He was born at Fulton, Mo., Oct. 22, 1860, and is the son of J. C. and Elizabeth Fisher.

J. C. Fisher was a native of Germany. At an early age he came to this country and settled in St. Louis, later removing to Fulton, Mo. He conducted the first monument business at that place, and was also an architect and contractor. He was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, deceased, the following children were born: William, Charles, and John, all deceased; Samuel,

lives at Fulton, Mo.; Lulu, married Charles Wasson, lives at Decatur, Ill.; Robert, lives retired in Colorado; Benjamin, lives in St. Louis; and C. A., the subject of this sketch.

C. A. Fisher was reared and educated at Fulton, Mo., and at an early age engaged in business with his father. He remained there until 1889, at which time he came to Erie County and engaged in the monument business at East Springfield. Mr. Fisher conducted this business successfully until 1920, when it was sold to the American Monument Company. He has, however, remained as superintendent and manager.

In 1882 Mr. Fisher was married to Miss Emma Craigheid, a native of Callaway County, Mo. She died the same year and is buried at Fulton, Mo. Mr. Fisher was later married to Miss Olive B. Creacy, a native of Callaway County, Mo., and they have four children: Carl, a veteran of the World War, lives at Erie; Ora, married Emery Winters, lives in Erie; Ernest, a veteran of the World War, lives at Conneaut; and Gladys, a student.

Mr. Fisher has been a life long Democrat. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

James O. Smith, who lives retired in Springfield Township, is a member of one of Erie County's oldest and most honored pioneer families. He was born on this farm July 22, 1847, and is the son of Charles F. and Emily (Leach) Smith.

Oliver Smith, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was one of the first settlers of Springfield Township, having come here from New York in November, 1800. His son, Charles F., improved 170 acres of land in this township and became one of the most prosperous fruit farmers and stockmen in the county. He died Feb. 26, 1886, and his wife, who was the daughter of James Leach, died Sept. 14, 1888. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith the following children were born: Betsy, married William Brockway, both deceased; Amos, served as county surveyor, of Cass County, Mich., for 30 years, and is now deceased; Sarah, married John B. McIntosh, both deceased; Charles F., died in 1923; Oris, deceased; Emily, deceased; Helen, married H. B. Lines, both deceased; Addie, married T. B. Rundell, both deceased; James O., the subject of this sketch; Lathrop and Laura, both deceased.

James O. Smith has always lived on the same farm in Springfield Township, which is known as the C. F. Smith homestead. Many years

ago he purchased his brothers' and sisters' interests and is the owner of 115 acres. He is an extensive fruit farmer and handles 3,000 bushels of apples each year. The farm contains 1,000 peach trees. Mr. Smith has specialized for many years in the breeding of Durham cattle.

On April 21, 1873, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Pettis, a native of Platea, Erie County, born Feb. 26, 1847, and the daughter of John and Pauline (Drury) Pettis, early settlers of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Pettis, deceased, had five children: Abbie, Emma, and Arthur, all deceased; Mrs. Smith; and Mark, who lives in Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who have celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary, are the the parents of four children: Grace, married William Hayman, who died Feb. 16, 1922, and she resides in Florida; Dorothy, married Dr. W. H. West, lives at Harrisburg, Pa.; Dallas A., lives at North Girard; and Frank, at home.

Mr. Smith is a Republican, a member of the Universalist church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both he and his wife are highly esteemed residents of the community.

Andrew M. Walbridge, a prominent farmer of Erie County, who lives on Ridge Road, Springfield Township, was born on the farm where he now resides, March 29, 1848, and is the son of John S. and Jane C. (Mallory) Walbridge.

John S. Walbridge was a native of Sharon, Vt., and his wife was born at Argyle, N. Y. He came to Erie County in 1829 and settled on a farm in Springfield Township, where he died May 3, 1859. His wife died in 1871. She was a daughter of Major Mallory, who served in the War of 1812. He came from New England, prior to the War of 1812, and settled in the very heart of the wilderness, in the western part of Erie County. John S. Walbridge was a son of John Walbridge. John S. and Jane (Mallory) Walbridge were the parents of the following children: Emma, married Jacob Moore, both deceased; Charles P., a Civil War veteran, deceased; Florence, married John Moore, both deceased; Andrew M., the subject of this sketch; Ida M., the widow of Charles Church, lives at East Springfield; Eliza, married Delos Morgan, both deceased; and Frank Delos, lives retired in Erie, was an engineer on the Erie Railroad for nearly 40 years.

Andrew M. Walbridge was educated in the district schools of Springfield Township and has spent his entire life on this farm. He owns 180

acres of well improved land and is an extensive shipper of potatoes and apples. For over 40 years he has been known as an extensive dairy farmer and has specialized in the breeding of Holstein cattle.

In 1872 Mr. Walbridge was united in marriage with Miss Kittie O. Strickland, a native of Carlisle, N. Y., born in 1849, and the daughter of William and Hattie Strickland. Mr. Strickland was a native of England and among the early settlers of Erie County, having removed here in 1852. He settled at East Springfield, where he built and operated the first mills in this vicinity. To Mr. and Mrs. Strickland the following children were born: William, John, and Sarah, all deceased; Hattie, married L. O. Eldridge, and is deceased; Mrs. Walbridge, who died in 1922; Myra, married Daniel Fails, both deceased; and Jeanette, married John Franks, both deceased.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walbridge six children were born: John, a farmer, lives in Springfield Township; Ralph, a farmer, lives in Springfield Township; Carl, lives in Erie; Jennie B., married Carl Morrell, lives at East Springfield; Frances, married Ray Whitney, lives at West Springfield; and Lee, who died Oct. 24, 1924.

Mr. Walbridge was one of the founders of the Springfield Telephone Company. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He has an extensive acquaintance in the community and is favorably known.

Howard G. Eisaman is among the enterprising young farmers of West Springfield. He was born at Pittsburgh, Feb. 19, 1891, and is the son of George and Isabelle (Glover) Eisaman.

George Eisaman was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., and has always been a farmer. In 1904 he removed to Erie County and settled on his present farm in Springfield Township. His wife, a native of Pittsburgh, died in 1916 and is buried at East Springfield. To Mr. and Mrs. Eisaman were born five children: Howard G., the subject of this sketch; Mabel lives in Coos County, Ore.; Chester, lives in Ontario, Can.; Isabel, lives in Cleveland; and Homer, lives in Pittsburgh.

Howard G. Eisaman was educated in the public schools of Pittsburgh and West Springfield. He has devoted practically his entire time to farming and is also interested in the bee industry.

In 1913 Mr. Eisaman was married to Miss Mildred Bonnell, who was born in Conneaut, Ohio, in 1891, the daughter of Orson A. and Mildred

(Hunt) Bonnell, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively. Mr. Bonnell is engaged in the real estate business in Conneaut. His wife died in 1913. To Mr. and Mrs. Eisaman have been born two children: June Elizabeth, born in October, 1917; and Howard K., born in July, 1921.

Mr. Eisaman is a Republican, a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grange. He and his wife are well known in the community in which they live.

Frederick W. Blair, a member of the Pennsylvania State legislature, is a leading and influential citizen of Erie County. He was born in Girard Township, Dec. 21, 1869, and is the son of Samuel and Harriet (Wells) Blair.

Samuel Blair, who died Dec. 18, 1913, was a native of Girard Township, and the son of James and Mary (Wallace) Blair. He was born May 6, 1821. His father came to Erie County in 1803 and acquired a piece of land located about three miles south of Girard, which was heavily covered with timber. He cleared the land and placed it under cultivation, and spent the remainder of his life in the log house which he erected thereon. He died in 1855 and his wife in 1873. Samuel Blair was interested in agricultural pursuits his entire life and owned a well improved farm of 120 acres in Fairview Township, Erie County. He was married June 22, 1865, to Miss Harriet Wells, a native of Guernsey County, Ohio, born June 13, 1843, and the daughter of Samuel H. and Hannah (Culbertson) Wells. They had three children: Frederick W., the subject of this sketch; Mary Ellen, lives in Girard with her mother; and Dr. James Dana, a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and a prominent and successful physician of Franklin, Pa.

Frederick W. Blair was educated in the schools of Erie, attended Erie Academy, and Grove City Business College. He was extensively interested in farming and stock raising until 1919, when he retired. He was elected a member of the Pennsylvania State legislature in 1920 and is now serving his third term.

On Jan. 13, 1898, Mr. Blair was married to Miss Helen Sayre, who was born in the present Blair home on Ridge Road, Girard Township, April 24, 1878. She is the daughter of Daniel and Caroline (Sweeney) Sayre. Mr. Sayre died Jan. 11, 1904, and his wife died Oct. 10, 1916. Mrs. Blair was their only child. To Mr. and Mrs. Blair were born eight children, as follows: Elizabeth, born Jan. 1, 1900, a graduate nurse, married Arthur

Coughlin, lives at Conneaut, Ohio; James, born June 30, 1901, is a member of the Pennsylvania State Highway Patrol; Caroline, born April 7, 1903, was graduated from Girard High School and Edinboro State Normal School, now engaged in the insurance business, lives at home; Frederick, born April 15, 1906; Marion, born Nov. 30, 1908; Marjorie, born Jan. 28, 1911; Ruth, born Jan. 26, 1916; and Hugh, born Oct. 7, 1918.

Mr. Blair is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and is a 32nd degree Mason. He is a charter member of the Girard Lodge F. and A. M. and belongs to the Erie Consistory. He and his family are widely known in Erie County.

The Sacred Heart Mission House at Girard is an institution for the training of young men for the Heathen Missions. It is the second school of its kind erected by the missionary society of the Divine Word. The school was opened in August, 1912, when the first fathers and brothers of the community came to Girard. They commenced their work in the old Culbertson manse on East Ridge Road. There they operated their little Mission House with great zeal and much patience. Patience was particularly demanded. The Mission House continued in its first narrow quarters for four trying years. Then there was an end and the decision to build was definitely reached. The students were transferred to the Society's older Mission House at Techny, Ill. It required almost a year to prepare the plans for the present new building. In August, 1917, building operations began and in 1918 the building was completed.

In June, 1924, a building campaign for the construction of a new home was launched at the first commencement held at the school. Four boys were graduated. At a banquet which followed the Very Right Rev. John Mark Gannon, bishop of the Erie diocese of the Catholic church, subscribed $5,000 toward the building fund. Construction was begun in 1925, when the order of the fathers of the Divine Word, founders of the mission school, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their foundation and the 25th anniversary of their establishment in the United States.

Following graduation from the mission the boys are sent to the novitiate at Lake Beulah, Wis., and after finishing the novitiate they go to Techny, Ill., for philosophy and theology. On the completion of these studies they are ordained into the priesthood and sent on the mission. The young men who attach themselves to the order give up everything, leave their loved ones and go to distant lands to convert the heathen.

Charles Teras, who successfully conducts a poultry farm in Springfield Township, was born in Finland, Oct. 29, 1881, and is the son of Herman and Mary (Wick) Stahlberg.

Both Herman Stahlberg and his wife were born in Finland. He died Dec. 8, 1924. There were ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stahlberg, two of whom came to the United States: Charles, the subject of this sketch; and Aarne, a farmer, lives near Detroit, Mich.

Charles Teras came to this country in 1903 and settled at Worcester, Mass., where he was employed as a mechanical draftsman for three years. He was then located at Schenectady, N. Y., in the employ of the General Electric Company in the same capacity. Before coming to Erie County Mr. Teras spent 8 years in Pittsburgh and in March, 1922, purchased his present farm of 60 acres in Springfield Township from Miles Hall. He has made extensive improvements on the place and devotes his entire time to the raising of high grade poultry. Mr. Teras has several thousand chickens and ships poultry to all sections of the county.

On Oct. 24, 1911, Mr. Teras was married to Miss Aino Wirtanen, who was born in Finland in 1889 and died Feb. 29, 1919. A daughter, Irma, was born in Pittsburgh, April 18, 1913.

Mr. Teras is one of the substantial and dependable citizens of Springfield Township.

John Toivonen, owner of the Hillside Poultry Farm, in Springfield Township, is one of Erie County's most prominent and successful poultry men. He was born in Finland, Oct. 29, 1874, and is the son of Andrew and Wilba Toivonen, both deceased. There were three children in the Toivonen family; Anna and Mary, who live in Finland; and John, the subject of this sketch. The father died in 1921 and the mother died in 1874.

John Toivonen spent his boyhood in Finland and after coming to this country in 1901 worked at his trade as a tailor in New York city, Indianapolis and Pittsburgh. On April 1, 1915, he removed to Erie County and purchased the farm of John Hughes in Springfield Township, where he has since resided. Mr. Toivonen specializes in the raising of White Leghorn chickens and is an extensive shipper. His incubators have a capacity of 3,000. He has won many ribbons at various poultry shows and recently was awarded first place in the pullet class, in which there were forty entries from Erie County, as well as entries from every county in Pennsyl-

vania. A recent poultry report states: "In the older hen class a flock of 195 white leghorns owned by John Toivonen of Springfield Township, produced an average of 191.5 eggs to lead the hen flocks in the State of Pennsylvania."

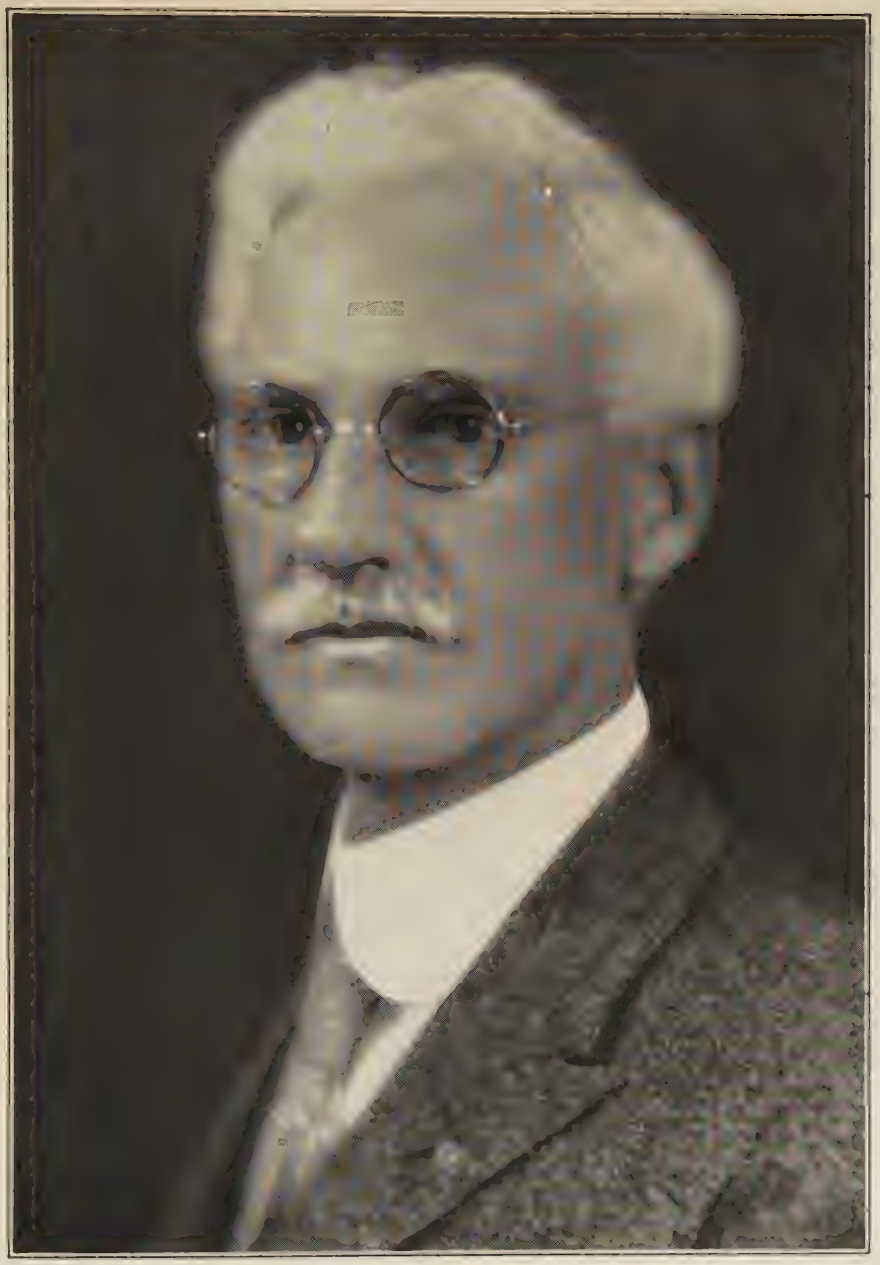
On March 17, 1909, Mr. Toivonen was married to Miss Hilma Wirtanen, a native of Finland, born June 21, 1879, and the daughter of Wihardt and Amelia (Peterson) Wirtanen, deceased. They were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Toivonen; Anna, married John NoKari, lives in Erie; Theodore, lives in Springfield Township; Inez, married Charles Teras, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history; and Emma, married Hugo Forsgeren, lives in Detroit, Mich. Mr. Wirtanen died Feb. 10, 1898, and his wife died May 8, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Toivonen have no children.

Mr. and Mrs. Toivonen are well known in their community and have many friends and acquaintances.

Benjamin E. Briggs, consulting engineer, is a prominent citizen of Erie. He was born at Sullivan, Ind., July 26, 1860, and is the son of Murray and Margaret Briggs.

Benjamin Briggs, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, established one of the oldest newspapers in this section of the country, which was published at Newark, Ohio, in 1820. It is still a leading newspaper of that city. His son, Murray Briggs, began the publication of a newspaper at Sullivan, Ind., in 1853. To Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, both of whom are now deceased, the following children were born: James, a graduate of Purdue University, an engineer with the Pennsylvania Public Service Company; Murray, an attorney, at Charleston, W. Va.; Benjamin E., the subject of this sketch; Martha Evans Martin, an author, of New York City, who wrote "Our Friendly Stars" and "The Ways of Our Planets"; Elizabeth J. Evans, New York City; and Margaret Ellen Thurman, deceased.

Benjamin E. Briggs received his education in the schools of Indiana, and after completing his course in engineering, he made a survey of the Wabash River bottom lands in Sullivan County, Ind., in 1883, his survey reclaiming much land that had hitherto been wasteland. He came to Erie in 1890 and during the years 1892 and 1893 was connected with the engineering department of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Before coming here he was connected with the Coronado Beach Company at San Diego, Cal., going there from Indiana, where he had served as county surveyor of Sullivan County. He had also served as surveyor for the Indiana & Illinois



BENJAMIN E. BRIGGS

Southern Railroad. On Nov. 1, 1893, Mr. Briggs was appointed assistant city engineer of Erie and three years later was promoted to city engineer, at a time when Erie had a population of 40,000. He served in this capacity until 1916 and he is credited with many improvements made during that time. The Buffalo Road viaduct was among his achievements.

On Sept. 19, 1882, Mr. Briggs was united in marriage with Miss Cora Saxton, the daughter of William Henry and Ollie (Miner) Saxton, early settlers of Geneva, Ohio. Mrs. Briggs had one sister, Miss Grace Saxton, who was with the Herald Publishing Company. She died in 1915. To Mr. and Mrs. Briggs a daughter was born, Margaret, born Oct. 11, 1885, married Oliver D. Horton, who is connected with the engineering department of the Erie City Iron Works. They have four children: Martha, born July 10, 1917; Pricilla, born Aug. 18, 1919; Richard, born Jan. 7, 1921; and Oliver, born Dec. 31, 1924.

Since 1916 Mr. Briggs has engaged in private work and has offices at 207 Marine Bank Building. He is a member of the American Society of Municipal Improvements, a national organization of city engineers, of which he served as president in 1912. He is also identified with the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Engineering Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania, which was founded by Mr. Briggs in 1898. He served as its first president for two years. Mr. Briggs is a capable man in his profession and a representative citizen of Erie.

Hon. Emory A. Walling. After two decades of service as President Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Justice Walling came to his present place upon the bench of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, a jurist of long experience and proved ability. He was born in Greenfield Township, Erie County, June 11, 1854, and is the son of Thomas and Laura (Elliott) Walling.

Thomas Walling was born at Wallingford, Conn., and his wife was a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y. He was a farmer and at an early age removed from Connecticut to New York State, thence to Ohio, and later to Pennsylvania. While living in Ohio he served as justice of the peace. He died Feb. 25, 1863, and his wife died Feb. 9, 1895. They are buried in the Grahamville cemetery, North East Township, Erie County. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walling had five children: Lucinda, deceased, was the wife of Joseph C. Harity; Thomas A. lives at North East, Pa.; Roby J., deceased, was the wife of George S. Wilkinson; Asenath E., married

Thomas O. Wilkinson, lives at Finley Lake, N. Y.; and Emory A., the subject of this sketch.

Emory A. Walling's educational training was obtained in the public schools, State Normal School, Edinboro and Lake Shore Seminary, North East. In 1878 he successfully took the bar examination and began professional work in Erie County, Pa., there gaining a degree of legal prominence and public favor that resulted in his election as district attorney of that county. He filled this position from 1881 until 1884 and in the latter year was elected to represent his district in the Pennsylvania State Senate, there serving a four year term, and at its close returning to private practice. From 1897 to 1916 he was President Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of Pennsylvania; on Jan. 3, 1916, he became a judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. In 1920 Justice Walling received the degree of L.L.D., from Allegheny College.

On April 21, 1880, Judge Walling was united in marriage with Miss Grace E. Marshall, a native of North East Township, Erie County, and a daughter of Robert W. and Laura C. (Edgerton) Marshall, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of New York State. Mr. Marshall died in 1899 and his wife died in 1921. To Justice and Mrs. Walling were born five children: William B., an attorney, Erie; Ralph G., retired naval officer, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Laura C., married Harry L. Sawdey, 710 Cherry Street, Erie; Marion E., married W. L. Crawford, upper State Street, Erie; and Marietta M., married Lewis S. Mosher, 1023 West 8th Street, Erie.

Justice Walling is a Republican in politics and his religious faith is that of a Methodist. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, Grange, and the Elks. He is identified with the State and American Bar Associations, the Kahkwa, Shrine and University clubs of Erie; and the Art and Manufacturers clubs of Philadelphia. His home is 552 West Eighth Street, Erie, Pa.

F. J. Waldinger, assistant treasurer and director of the S. M. Flickinger Company of Buffalo, Rochester and Jamestown, is a prominent business man of Erie and one of the city's successful merchants. He was born in Summit Township, Erie County, April 20, 1885, and is the son of Ferdinand and Sybilla (Wolf) Waldinger.

Ferdinand Waldinger, deceased, was born in Rheinbaiern, Germany, Nov. 20, 1841, and was the son of Joseph and Margaretha (Ziehl) Wald-

inger. He came to America in 1866 and settled in Erie County. He became the owner of a well improved farm of 112 acres in Summit Township, where he spent the remainder of his life. To Mr. and Mrs. Waldinger 11 children were born.

F. J. Waldinger spent his boyhood on his father's farm in Summit Township and was educated in the public and parochial schools of Mill Creek Township. At the age of 15 years he became a grocery clerk and four years later engaged in business for himself in Erie at the corner of 23rd and Sassafras Streets. From 1905 until 1923 Mr. Waldinger remained in that location and during the last five years of that time was a wholesale grocer. In 1922 he began the erection of his present place of business at 2001-09 Wallace Street, and on June 1, 1924, he became a member of the firm of S. M. Flickinger Company, wholesale grocers. This company operates 44 stores in Erie and throughout the county, 31 of them being located in the city of Erie.

On June 15, 1909, Mr. Waldinger was married to Miss Mary Franz, of Erie, and the daughter of Joseph Franz, a resident of this city. They have two children: Helen, a high school student; and Paul.

Mr. Waldinger is identified with the Republican party in politics, is a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and the Elks, Eagles and Moose lodges. He is a man esteemed in his community for his integrity, and spirit of co-operation in all civic affairs.

Otto Herbst, one of the leading attorneys of Erie County, who is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in Erie, is a native of this city. He was born March 10, 1887, and is the son of Edward and Emma L. (Neuberger) Herbst.

Edward Herbst, a native of Baden, Germany, came to America, in 1881, and settled in Erie, where he has since resided. His wife was born here in 1855, her parents having come here from Germany in the early 50's. Mr. and Mrs. Herbst have one son, Otto, the subject of this sketch.

Otto Herbst attended the public schools of Erie and after completing his high school course in 1905, he took a business course and was employed in local business offices for four years. He then entered the Detroit College of Law, from which he was graduated with the degree of L.L.B., June 20, 1912. The following day he was admitted to the bar of Michigan. He served as mayor's clerk in Erie under Mayor William J. Stern from 1913 to 1915 and was then appointed judge's secretary, serving

under Judges Rossiter, Walling, and the late Judge Whittlesey. After practicing law for one year Mr. Herbst was appointed assistant district attorney in 1920, in which capacity he served until January, 1924. He has since engaged in private practice with offices at 701 State Street.

On Jan. 27, 1914, Mr. Herbst was united in marriage with Miss Marie L. Reader, of Erie, and they have two children: Otto Jr., born Oct. 13, 1915; and William Edward, born Feb. 7, 1922.

Mr. Herbst is a member of Perry Lodge F. & A. M., No. 392, and is a member of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm and the Grotto. He is a member of Erie Lodge No. 67, B. P. O. Elks, of which he is the present Exalted Ruler. He belongs to the Lions Club, Erie Lodge No. 66, L. O. O. Moose, and the Glenwood Golf Association. He has always been a Republican and is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Ferdinand M. Plate, the capable recorder of deeds of Erie County, has spent practically his entire life in this county and is recognized as one of the substantial and progressive citizens of the community. He was born in New London, Conn., Jan. 16, 1874, a son of August F. and Catherine (Sobetz) Plate, both natives of New York City. The father was engaged in the manufacture of cigars for a number of years at Corry, Pa., and during the course of his career took an active part in politics, holding various minor offices. He was killed by an automobile, July 27, 1923. His wife died Sept. 20, 1903, and they are buried at Corry, Pa.

Ferdinand M. Plate was one of the following children born to his parents; Mrs. Charles E. Perkins, Franklin Street, Corry, Pa.; Mrs. August Ausnehmer, Park Street, Corry, Pa.; Mrs. William C. Ford, lives near Erie, Pa.; and Mrs. Josie Mourton, Park Street, Corry, Pa.

Mr. Plate was reared in Corry, and received his education in the public schools of that city. He began life as a newsboy and later clerked in a store, served as messenger boy, telegraph operator, and agent for the Union News Company. He was proprietor of a news, cigar and confectionery store in Corry from 1894 to 1901. He then purchased the business of the Erie News Company at Erie, Pa., from George H. Forrester. He developed this business into one of the largest independent wholesale newspaper and magazine agencies in the United States. He also conducted a parcel, baggage and mercantile delivery business in Erie at the same time. In 1917 he sold his news and delivery business to Charles E. Huey and Frank E. Moorhead, of Indiana, Pa. He then engaged in the real estate

business in Erie until the fall of 1923, when he was elected recorder of deeds of Erie County for a four year term, and is now serving in that capacity.

During the Mill Creek flood, of 1915, Mr. Plate suffered severe loss. Water nearly reached the second floor of his home, which was located at 117 East 10th Street, and all his household furniture was completely ruined and the house was washed from its foundation. The stock and equipment of his Erie News Company and the parcel, baggage and mercantile delivery at 118 East Tenth Street was also destroyed, and his stables and garages were nearly all swept away in the flood.

On Oct. 1, 1896, Mr. Plate was married to Miss Odessie L. Hunter. She was born at Mill Village, Erie County, and is the daughter of James R. and Permelia (Abbott) Hunter, natives of Pennsylvania. Her mother died Sept. 30, 1893, aged 48, and the father, who is now past 90 years, resides with Mr. and Mrs. Plate. To Mr. and Mrs. Plate have been born the following children: Louise Plate McEntarfer, the wife of a Methodist minister, North Muskegon, Mich.; and Howard Neville Plate, a student in East High School, Erie.

Mr. Plate is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the First Methodist Church of Erie. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Foresters, Royal Arcanum, and the Union Club. He has a wide acquaintance and is one of the conscientious and popular public officials of Erie County.

Reuben Vance Canon is an enterprising and successful business man of Erie, where is identified with the Erie Taxicab Company as secretary. He was born at Sandy Lake, Mercer County, Pa., Aug. 18, 1868, and is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Powell) Canon. Mr. Canon was a well known farmer of Mercer County, Pa., and is now deceased.

After attending the public schools of New Lebanon, Pa., R. V. Canon attended McElwain Institute, Duff Business College, Pittsburgh, and Edinboro State Normal School. He taught school for three years and served as principal of the Garland Schools, Warren County, Pa. From 1893 until 1900 Mr. Canon was connected with the Pittsburgh Post and the following five years served as paymaster for the River Coal Company at Pittsburgh. From 1905 until 1912 he was manager of the Eclipse Laundry Company of Pittsburgh, a concern which employed 250 people. He has since been interested in the Taxicab business in Erie, which was established in 1912.

The Erie Taxicab Company owns and operates 20 yellow cabs, and is the largest and most reliable concern of its kind in the city.

On March 18, 1893, Mr. Canon was married to Miss Emma Carson, who died at Sandy Lake, Pa., July 12, 1917. He was married on April 13, 1921, to Miss Jennie Allison, of Hadley, Pa., and a daughter of John and Mary Allison. She died in 1923 and is buried at Hadley, Pa. Mr. Canon was again married June 10, 1925, to Alice Dearment of Newcastle, Pa.

Mr. Canon is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. He is one of the substantial citizens of Erie and is well known.

Philip H. Morgan, local manager of the Merrell-Soule Company, wholesale and retail dairy products, was born at Freedom, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1887, and is the son of William P. and Elinor (Higgins) Morgan.

After attending the public and high schools of Freedom, N. Y., Philip H. Morgan attended Bryant-Stratton Business College at Buffalo, after which he entered the employ of an Arcade (N. Y.) bank. The following year he engaged in the insurance business there and in 1916 was employed by the Arcade branch of the Merrell-Soule Company. In 1924 Mr. Morgan was transferred to Erie, where he represents this company.

On July 12, 1911, Mr. Morgan was married to Miss Ruth Williams of Freedom, N. Y., and they have three children: Warner, born March 11, 1913; Eleanor, born Feb. 8, 1916; and Elliott, born April 4, 1918.

Mr. Morgan is a Republican and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is a capable man and already has a large circle of friends in Erie.

Ruby Fern Austin is well known in Erie County as the capable postmaster of Edinboro. She is a native of that place and the daughter of C. D. and Carrie (McGahen) Anderson.

Ruby Fern Anderson was educated in the public and high schools of Edinboro and was graduated from the Edinboro State Normal School in 1907. She engaged in teaching in the district schools of Erie County for six years and then spent five years in the training school of Edinboro State Normal, which is now known as the critic school.

On June 9, 1917, Miss Anderson was married to James Montgomery Austin, the son of James F. and Nellie Austin, residents of Erie. He was reared and educated in Erie and at the time of the outbreak of the World War was engaged in the printing business in Erie with his father. He enlisted in May, 1917, with Company G, Pennsylvania National Guards, and

was sent to Camp Hancock, where his outfit became part of the 28th Division. Mr. Austin was among the first to arrive in France and was killed in service Aug. 9, 1918, during the battle of Chateau Thierry.

On Nov. 17, 1921, Mrs. Austin was appointed postmaster of Edinboro, and she is assisted by her brother, Russell Anderson.

Russell Anderson received his education in the schools of Edinboro and in 1917 was graduated from Edinboro State Normal School. He was a teacher at Cranesville, Pa., until he became identified with the local post office, in 1921. He was married to Miss Verna Arnold, of Kane, Pa.

Mrs. Austin is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Eastern Star and White Shrine. She has a wide acquaintance throughout the community and is well liked.

Dr. Walter F. Wade is a successful and well known young dentist of Edinboro. He was born here April 11, 1898, and is the son of Frank and Effie (Taylor) Wade.

Frank Wade was a native of Edinboro where he spent his entire life. He is now deceased and his widow resides in the family home here. Mr. and Mrs. Wade had two children: Eleanor F., married H. W. Devine, lives at Edinboro; and Walter F., the subject of this sketch.

After completing his early education in the public and high schools of Edinboro, Dr. Walter F. Wade was graduated from Edinboro State Normal School in 1918. He then entered the University of Pittsburgh from which he received his degree as Doctor of Dentistry in 1923. He immediately established his practice in Edinboro.

On Oct. 20, 1923, Dr. Wade was married to Miss Ruth Gale, of Pittsburgh, a daughter of Charles and Anna Gale, residents of that city.

Dr. Wade is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is an enterprising young man whose success in life in already assured.

U. A. Gamble, secretary and general manager of the Union Storage Company, is among the successful young business men of Erie. He was born at Martinsville, Ill., April 25, 1891, and is the son of Harry K. and Grace Gamble. Mr. Gamble is engaged in the insurance business in Indianapolis, Ind.

U. A. Gamble was educated in the public schools and in 1913 was graduated from Wabash College. He then entered the employ of the Indianapolis Gas Company, and two years later became connected with the Max-

well Motor Car Company of Detroit, Mich. From 1917 until 1919 he was associated with the Nordyke & Marmon Company of Indianapolis, after which he became connected with the Ninth Street Terminal Warehouse Company of Cleveland. Upon the organization of the Union Storage Company of Erie in 1923, Mr. Gamble was elected secretary and general superintendent.

The Union Storage Company is among the finest and most modern warehouses of its kind in the state and is capitalized at $700,000. The officers are: G. W. Olmstead, Ludlow, Pa., president; C. Harrison Lund, attorney, vice president; H. M. Chapman, vice president; W. S. Calderwood, treasurer; and U. A. Gamble, secretary and general manager.

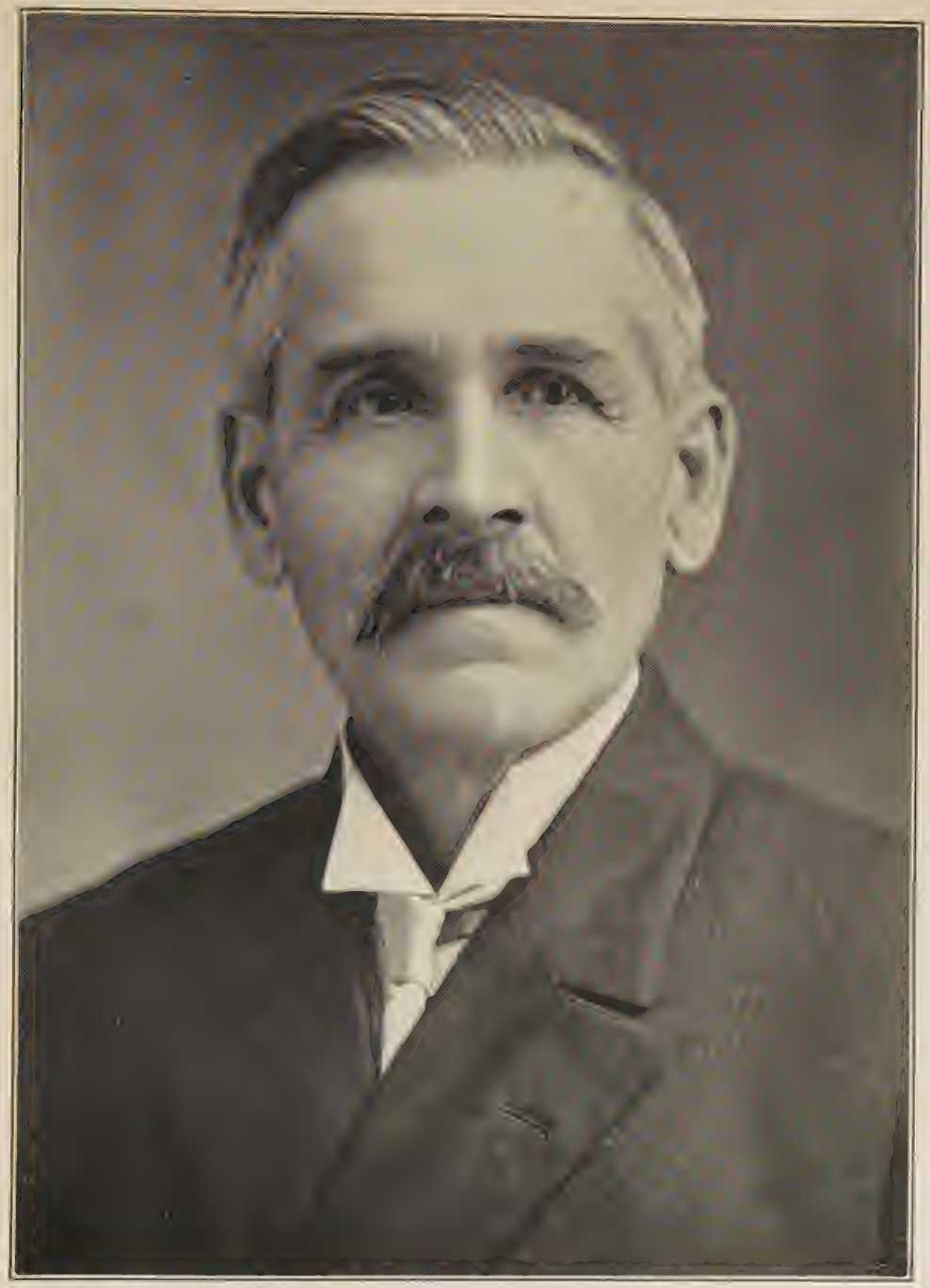
On May 1, 1911, Mr. Gamble was married to Miss Ruthven Syler, of Indianapolis, and they have a daughter, Jane, born June 1, 1915.

Mr. Gamble is a Republican, a member of the Masonic Lodge, and belongs to the University Club and Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

James Baldwin, retired, has for many years been a well known business man and leading citizen of Erie. He was born in Amity Township, Erie County, Aug. 17, 1848, and is the son of Washington and Luzetta M. (Brooks) Baldwin.

Washington Baldwin settled in Erie County in 1810, having come here from Washington County, N. Y. His wife was also a native of the same place. Mr. Baldwin was a stone mason by trade, but later engaged in general farming on 220 acres of land, which he improved in Amity Township. He was the first road commissioner of that township and died in 1891. Luzetta M. Brooks Baldwin was the first school teacher who taught school in Amity Township. This was in the Baldwin flats school district. To Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, who were married in 1833, the following children were born: Mary R., born in 1834, died in 1836; Mary S., born in 1837, died in 1881; Frances Louise, born in 1839, died in 1845; Josephine Shepardson, born in 1841, lives at Fort Dodge, Iowa; Phoebe Jane, born in 1843, died in 1844; A. F., born in 1845, died in 1914; James, the subject of this sketch; Ida Eliza, born in 1851, died in 1853; William P., born in 1853; and Anson B., born in 1854, died in 1858.

James Baldwin was reared and educated in Amity Township and attended Waterford Academy. He later taught at the academy and then purchased a farm in Venango Township, Erie County, in 1874. Five years later Mr. Baldwin sold this farm and removed to Amity Township, where



JAMES BALDWIN

he remained until 1905. In 1904 he sold the old homestead of 220 acres and about that time began his building operations in Erie, which made him wealthy. He commenced building operations in Erie though at first on a smaller scale, mostly with lumber furnished from timber taken from the farm on Baldwin Flats in 1890, 15 years before leaving the farm. Mr. Baldwin with his sons have erected over 2,000 residences in this city and many business blocks and stores. He is widely known throughout this section of the state as a dependable business man. Although living practically retired, Mr. Baldwin still deals in mortgages and owns many of the largest apartment houses in the city, which he manages. His son, G. Daniel Baldwin, is now a leading real estate operator of the city, and is also a builder of homes.

On Aug. 17, 1873, Mr. Baldwin was married to Miss Frances Titus, a native of Venango Township, Erie County, and the daughter of Daniel W. and Maria (Langdon) Titus, both deceased. To them the following children were born: Lottie, born in 1874, died in 1891; G. Daniel, born in 1876, mention of whom is made above; Don C., born in 1878, died in infancy; Mary Eliza, born in 1880; William Isaac, born in 1882; and Ida L., born in 1886.

Mr. Baldwin has written two books, his first one, "Visiting Abroad," a four month's trip across the sea, was written and published in 1912, and "Genealogy and Reminiscences of the Baldwin Family" was completed in 1916. He is a Republican and a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a highly esteemed citizen of Erie and representative of the successful type of business man of the community.

Dr. L. E. Seavy, Doctor of Chiropractic, is a native of Pennsylvania, and a substantial citizen of Erie. He was born at Mosiertown, Pa., Oct. 14, 1892, and is a son of T. G. and Edith (Kleckner) Seavy.

T. G. Seavy lives at Clarendon, Pa., and for a number of years has been actively engaged in business in the oil fields of Pennsylvania. His wife is a native of Meadville, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Seavy five children were born, as follows: George E., lives at Warren, Pa.; N. E., assistant superintendent of the Galena Signal Oil Company, Houston, Tex.; M. J., vice president and general manager of the Palo Company, New York City; L. E., the subject of this sketch; and Edna Reed, lives in Philadelphia.

L. E. Seavy attended the public schools of Warren, Pa., and after his graduation from high school in 1912 he became interested in the oil busi-

ness. In 1920 he entered the Eastern Chiropractic College, Newark, N. J., from which he was graduated in 1923. He then established his practice at Clarendon, Pa., but later took post graduate work at Columbia University. Since Nov. 1, 1924, Doctor Seavy has been located in Erie, where he is associated in practice with his uncle, Dr. Morris M. Green. The latter is well known in this city, having practiced his profession here for a number of years.

In October, 1924, Doctor Seavy was married to Miss Bernice Reynolds, of Warren, Pa.

Dr. Seavy is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. His office is at 612 Parade Street.

Earl P. Campbell, cashier of the First National Bank of Edinboro, is a veteran of the World War and one of Erie County's enterprising and successful business man. He was born at Edinboro, Oct. 24, 1889, and is the son of W. S. and Sarah A. (Pulling) Campbell.

W. S. Campbell is a native of Pennsylvania, as is his wife. They reside in Edinboro and are the parents of the following children: Pearl E., S. J., George M., Lynn F., and E. P., the subject of this sketch.

E. P. Campbell was educated in the public and high schools of Edinboro and after completing a course at Edinboro State Normal School, he became connected with the First National Bank in 1913. He has advanced steadily from his position as bookkeeper to that of cashier of the bank, and is recognized as being most capable and efficient in his work.

During the World War Mr. Campbell served in the army and was stationed at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, where he did special work in the quartermaster's department.

Mr. Campbell was married Dec. 2, 1922, to Miss Mae Padden, a native of Erie and the daughter of Charles and Bertha Padden.

Mr. Campbell is identified with the Masonic Lodge.

The First National Bank of Edinboro was organized in 1904. It was previously known as the Peoples Bank. The officers of the bank are: G. W. Minium, president; C. K. Henry, vice president; E. P. Campbell, cashier; and Asa I. Skelton, assistant cashier. The First National Bank of Edinboro, which has a capital of $25,000 and a surplus of $25,000, is among the dependable and thriving banking institutions in this section of the county and has enjoyed a rapid growth. The directors are: H. A. Ghering, T. H. Crandall, T. R. Ehtridge, G. W. Minium, C. K. Henry, E. P. Campbell, V. L. Crandall, D. R. Harter, and Henry Fuller.

Eugene Dunn, well known business man of Erie, is a native of that place, and a member of one of the county's oldest and most prominent pioneer families. He was born in Summit Township, Feb. 10, 1857, and is the son of Oscar F. and Matilda R. (Ewing) Dunn.

The Dunn family settled in Erie County in 1790, having come here from Ireland. William Dunn, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was the first white child born in the county. He served in the War of 1812 and was the son of Oliver Dunn. Oscar F. Dunn was born in Summit Township, in 1824, and was a prominent farmer of this section for a number of years. He held many township offices and was active in the welfare of his community. He died in 1894 and his wife died when Eugene, the subject of this sketch, was but six weeks old. There were three children in the Dunn family: one child died in infancy; Etta J., died at the age of 60 years; and Eugene, the subject of this sketch.

Eugene Dunn grew up on his father's farm and attended the district schools. At an early age he engaged in general farming with his father and later became interested in the oil business. He has also engaged in the dairy and restaurant business in Erie, and now conducts a grocery business at 2826 Plum Street. He also deals in ice cream, confectionery, cigars and tobacco.

On Dec. 23, 1887, Mr. Dunn was united in marriage with Miss Alice Tate, of Summit Township, and the daughter of Ezeriah and Mary (Agnew) Tate, both deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Dunn the following children were born: Oscar, died in infancy; Ruby, married Earl Seifford, and she is deceased; Edith Dunn, lives in Erie, and has one child, Marian Edith; and Ruth Cooper, lives in Erie and has one child, William Eugene.

Politically, Mr. Dunn is a Republican. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Eagles Lodge and the Loyal Order of Moose. Mr. Dunn has always been an energetic and industrious man and a highly esteemed citizen.

Fred S. Skelton, a leading business man of Edinboro, who is successfully engaged in the grocery business, was born in Venango Township, Crawford County, Pa., Feb. 21, 1867, and is the son of Isaac W. and Jane (Harned) Skelton, natives of Pennsylvania.

Fred S. Skelton attended the district schools of Venango Township and in 1885 attended the Edinboro State Normal School. He taught school for several terms in Crawford County and later followed the carpenter trade. In 1913 Mr. Skelton removed to Edinboro, where he became

identified with the Keystone Flour Mills until 1923. He has since been interested in the grocery business and as a merchant has met with success The business is known as Fred S. Skelton & Son.

Mr. Skelton was married first on Dec. 30, 1878, to Miss Hattie Baker, of Edinboro, who died in 1912. To them were born seven children, as follows: Rose, Sadie, Florence, Edna, Asa, mention of whom is made below, Ruby, and Floyd, mention of whom is also made below. Mr. Skelton was later married, Feb. 19, 1920, to Mrs. Flora Lick, a native of this place.

Politically, Mr. Skelton is identified with the Republican party, and he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Moose Lodge and the Grange.

Floyd Skelton was born in Venango Township, Crawford County, Pa., Dec. 9, 1900. He attended the public and high schools of Edinboro and was graduated from the latter in 1919 and from Edinboro State Normal School in 1921. Mr. Skelton always took an active part in college athletics and for the past several years has coached the basketball teams of Edinboro High School. He is associated in business with his father and is a popular young business man. He lives at home.

Asa Skelton is a World War veteran. He was born Nov. 2, 1894, and was educated in the public schools. In 1913 he became connected with the First National Bank of Edinboro as bookkeeper and is now serving as assistant cashier. He was married June 11, 1921, to Miss Eleanor K. Mauser, a native of New Hampshire. They have a son, Robert Seldon Skelton. Mr. Skelton enlisted for service during the World War, Feb. 11, 1918, and was sent to Camp Lee, Virginia. He sailed from Norfolk, Va., in 1918 as a member of the 80th Division and saw active service in the most important battles of the war, including St. Mihiel, Meuse Argonne, and Chaumont. He was discharged June 11, 1919, at Camp Dix, N. J.

The Skelton family are representative citizens of Erie County and have a wide acquaintance in the community in which they have spent so many years.

P. M. Skelton, authorized Ford agent at Edinboro, is among the capable and farsighted business men of Erie County. He was born in Crawford County, Pa., Sept. 7, 1879, and is the son of Chester and Nancy (Mee) Skelton. Mr. Skelton lives retired with his son in Edinboro and is 81 years of age. His wife died in 1918.

P. M. Skelton received his education in the public schools of Edinboro and after his graduation from Edinboro State Normal School in 1900 he

taught school in Erie County for three years. He then became connected with the Erie Street Railway Company and remained with them for 14 years as superintendent of transportation. Mr. Skelton has had the agency for the Ford automobile since 1915, and sells about 75 cars annually. He carries a complete line of accessories and has one of the leading business enterprises in the community.

On June 21, 1906, Mr. Skelton was married to Miss Maud Wade of Albion, Pa., and the daughter of D. D. and Phoebe Wade. Mr. and Mrs. Skelton have three children, Helen, Wade, and Frances.

Mr. Skelton is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is a Republican.

J. A. Schroeck, a prominent building contractor, who is associated with his brothers, Peter A., Fred J. and George C., is one of the enterprising and successful business men of Erie. He was born in this city, May 23, 1884, and is the son of Adolph and Mary Eva (Boehm) Schroeck.

Adolph Schroeck, who died in 1913, was one of Erie's leading pioneer builders. He was born in Rheinpfalz, Germany, Oct. 20, 1854, the son of John Conrad and Mary Anna (Moser) Schroeck. In 1872 he came to the United States and located in Erie, where he learned the carpenter's trade. In 1880 he returned to Germany for a visit of six months, and in 1884 engaged in business for himself, in which he was highly successful. The fine residences and other buildings which he erected in Erie are too numerous to mention. Mr. Schroeck was married April 15, 1880, to Mary Eva Boehm, also a native of Germany, and to them eleven children were born: Mrs. Mary Garmonito, lives at Warren, Pa.; Mrs. Catherine Erstfeld, lives in Erie; J. A., the subject of this sketch; Anna, deceased; Peter A., lives at Erie; Mrs. Elizabeth Schnable, deceased; Fred J., lives in Erie; Mrs. Bertha Baldi, lives in Cleveland, Ohio; George C., lives in Erie; Ida Clara, and Rose Mary, both deceased. Mr. Schroeck was a life long Republican and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. His wife, who was born in 1857, resides with her son, J. A. Schroeck.

J. A. Schroeck was reared and educated in Erie and after completing a civil engineering course at St. Vincent's College, he became associated in the building business with his father, and at death of the father his sons took up the business and are conducting it at the present time. They have erected some of Erie's finest homes, schools and public buildings.

On July 17, 1913, J. A. Schroeck was united in marriage with Miss Rose Bauschard, the daughter of George and Frances (Lichtinger)

Bauschard, natives of France and Pennsylvania, respectively. Mr. Bauschard is deceased and his wife resides with the Schroeck family. To Mr. and Mrs. Schroeck have been born six children as follows: John Adolph, died in infancy; Rose Mary, died June 15, 1923, at the age of eight years; Theodore Adolph, born Feb. 4, 1917; Raymond Adolph, born Dec. 31, 1918; Joseph Adolph, born Oct. 15, 1920; and Lawrence Adolph, born Sept. 28, 1922.

Mr. Schroeck and his family are members of the Catholic church and have a wide acquaintance in Erie.

R. R. Stuart is among the widely known educators of Erie, where he is principal of Perry School. He is a native of Clarion County, Pa., born Aug. 31, 1869, and the son of John and Belinda (McKee) Stuart.

John Stuart was born in Ireland and came to America when a young boy. He attended the public schools of Clarion County, Pa., and after completing his schooling was a teacher. During the summer months he worked at his trade as stone mason and contractor. He died Feb. 3, 1874, at the age of 55 years and his wife died Dec. 11, 1913, at the age of 75 years. Mr. Stuart was a Republican and a member of the United Presbyterian church. To Mr. and Mrs. Stuart four children were born: Margaret, died at the age of 20 years; Thomas Scott, lives at Parkers Landing, Pa.; R. R., the subject of this sketch; and Alvin Cooper, died Dec. 4, 1904, at the age of 33 years.

R. R. Stuart attended the district schools of Clarion County and was graduated from Edinboro Normal and Clarion Normal School in 1892. He graduated from Bethany College, W. Va., in 1910, and received his degree in A. M. in 1915. He then taught school in Clarion County until 1906. After serving as principal of various schools in Pennsylvania Mr. Stuart was principal of the Harbor Creek, Pa., schools from 1913 until 1914, at which time he was transferred to Central High School, Erie. He has held his present position since 1919.

On April 3, 1894, Mr. Stuart was united in marriage with Miss Ida Mary Craig, of Clarion County, Pa., and the daughter of Washington and Eliza (Young) Craig, both deceased. They have five children: Ida Belle, a graduate of Columbia University, and teacher at East High School, Erie, married W. H. Morlidge, lives at Columbus, Ohio; Florence E., a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and Columbia University, now teaches school at East High School; John A., a graduate of Grove City College and

at present a student in Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pa., lives in Erie; Mildred Grace, a teacher in Erie; and Jean Craig, a high school student.

Mr. Stuart and his family hold membership in the Central Presbyterian Church; he is a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a citizen who holds the high regard of the entire community.

Walker Brothers, well known garage owners of Edinboro, and agents for the Buick Automobile, are leading business men of that section. Russell and Floyd Walker, natives of Edinboro, are the sons of F. F. and Elizabeth (Campbell) Walker.

F. F. Walker, a prosperous farmer of Erie County, is the son of D. H. Walker, who was born at Edinboro, July 1, 1840, and who is among the honored pioneers of Erie County.

Russell Walker was born April 10, 1891, and was married Sept. 26, 1914, to Miss Velma Austin, the daughter of A. B. Austin of Edinboro. They have a son, Philip Austin Walker, born June 1, 1923.

Floyd Walker was born June 23, 1893.

Messrs. Walker engaged in their present business enterprise in Edinboro in 1921. They are first class mechanics and do general repair work, and also carry a complete line of accessories and tires.

Russell Walker is also interested in the Edinboro Silver Fox Company, which was organized in 1923 for the purpose of breeding silver foxes. The company owns 18 pairs of foxes which they hope to increase to 50 pairs in the near future. The officers of the company are: B. B. Baldwin, president; Floyd Walker, business manager; Russell Walker, secretary; and E. P. Campbell, treasurer.

Messrs. Walker are Republicans, members of the Presbyterian Church and are identified with the Masonic Lodge.

R. E. Kane is an enterprising young merchant of Erie. He is engaged in the grocery and confectionery business at 26th and Hampton Streets. Mr. Kane was born at Mill Village, Pa., March 24, 1885, and is the son of Samuel and Estella (Kerr) Kane.

Samuel Kane is a well known grocer of Erie, located at 26th and French Streets. He is a native of Erie County, born at Mill Village in 1865. During his early life he was a farmer. His wife died in 1895 and is

buried at Mill Village. To Mr. and Mrs. Kane were born four children, as follows: R. E., the subject of this sketch; Wallace M., deceased; Orville B., died at the age of 20 years; and William H., lives at Lorain, Ohio.

After attending the public schools of Mill Village, R. E. Kane engaged in farming for several years, after which he became interested in the fish business. He worked for the Erie Fish Company for 23 years, and in 1921 engaged in his present business. On Oct. 8, 1910, Mr. Kane was united in marriage with Miss Lillian H. Duddenhoffer, a native of Erie, and the daughter of Anthony and Tillie Staugh Duddenhoffer. Mr and Mrs. Kane have no children.

Mr. Kane is a Republican. Both he and his wife are highly esteemed residents of their community.

Fred Hermann. Prominent among the pioneer business men of Erie is Fred Hermann, who has engaged in the floral business continuously for 32 years. He was born in Baden-Munheim, Germany, Nov. 3, 1848.

At the age of six years Mr. Hermann left his native land and settled in Quebec, removing to Erie during the same year. His first occupation in Erie was driving horses for barges on the old Meadville Canal. After being employed as a stationary engineer for two years he went to Green Bay, Wis., and later to St. Paul, Minn. Upon his return to Erie, after several years, he entered the employ of the Erie Car Works, and later the Lake Shore Railroad. He was also employed by the Fuzee Match Company, and in 1893 established his present business. Mr. Hermann is an extensive grower and retailer of flowers and plants, and his greenhouse, which is located at 2208 Liberty Street, covers 7,000 square feet.

On May 28, 1872, Mr. Hermann was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Stough of Erie. Mrs. Hermann was born in Erie County in 1853, and educated in the schools of Erie. She is a daughter of Joseph Stough and Margaret Rhuhl Stough. The father was a farmer and he and his wife are both deceased and buried in the Erie Cemetery. Mrs. Hermann was one of seven children born to her parents. The others are as follows: Daniel, Sarah, Sophia, all of whom are deceased; Margaret, widow of Wesley Crider, lives in Erie; and Martin, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hermann have eight children: Ida, Bertha, Minnie, John V., Margaret, Anna, Loretta, and Eleanor.

In politics Mr. Hermann is identified with the Democratic party. He served as a member of the city council from 1888 until 1894, and also as a

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MR. AND MRS. FRED HERMANN

member of the board of tax revision and appeals, and was county district chairman of the Democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Hermann hold membership in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and he belongs to the Knights of St. John, Knights of St. George, and the Moose and Eagle lodges. He is one of the dependable and highly respected citizens of his community.

Henry F. Keim ranks among the leading and successful grocers of Lawrence Park, Erie. He was born in Erie, June 22, 1886, and is the son of Henry and Frances (Einhellig) Keim.

Henry Keim, deceased, was a native of Meadville, Pa., born in 1859. He died at the age of 30 years and is buried in Trinity Cemetery, Erie. His wife, who was born in Erie, died in 1916 at the age of 56 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Keim four children were born: Joseph, lives in Los Angeles, Calif.; Carl, lives in Erie; Henry F., the subject of this sketch; and Anthony E., lives in Erie.

Henry F. Keim has always lived in Erie. After completing his schooling in the parochial schools, he entered the employ of the Lovell Manufacturing Company, with whom he remained for several years. At the age of 15 years he became interested in the grocery business and at 19 in the butcher business and since 1913 has conducted his present business in Lawrence Park. He carries a splendid line of high grade groceries and meats and has an extensive trade.

Mr. Keim was married to Miss Ida R. Kissell, of Erie, and the daughter of Henry and Kate Kissell, residents of Erie. They have three children: Vincent, born in 1907, a graduate of East High School, Erie, now employed in his father's store; Edward, born in 1909; and Dorothy, born in 1912.

Mr. Keim and his family hold membership in the Catholic Church and he belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a citizen who holds the high regard of the entire community.

Harry G. Hartline is well and favorably known in Erie, where he is associated with Hartline & Sons, roofing contractors. He was born in this city, Jan. 10, 1885, and is the son of John and Henrietta (Steiner) Hartline.

John Hartline, deceased, was a pioneer business man of Erie, where he was born in 1856. When a boy he learned the tinner's trade, which he followed his entire life. He was connected with the Flickenger Roofing & Furnace Works for 35 years and in 1904 established the business now

conducted by his sons. Mr. Hartline was an expert in his line of work and his work numbers some of the city's public buildings. He died in 1911 and is buried in Erie Cemetery. Henrietta (Steiner) Hartline, his wife, was born in Germany, in 1855 and was married in Erie. She now lives at 919 West 20th Street. To Mr. and Mrs. Hartline the following children were born: Fred, was killed in a railroad accident at the age of 30 years while in the employ of the Erie & Pittsburgh Railroad; William E., a partner in the Hartline & Sons business; Fred, superintendent of the Lincoln Storage Company, Cleveland; Harry G., the subject of this sketch; and E. J., also a partner in the Hartline & Sons business.

Harry G. Hartline grew up in Erie and attended the public schools. When he was 20 years of age he learned the tinner's trade while in his father's employ. He has since been identified with this business, which is located at 920 West 21st Street. Among the recent important roofing contracts of this company are the Zion Lutheran Church, Park Presbyterian Church, the Lawrence Park Methodist Episcopal Church and The Glennwood United Brethren Church.

In June, 1908, Mr. Hartline was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Z. Hood, of Erie, and the daughter of Eliah and Elizabeth (Burger) Hood. Mr. Hood is deceased and his wife lives in Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Hartline have been born two children: Harrison, born March 18, 1909, was graduated from Erie Academy in 1925; and Melvin, born June 30, 1912.

In politics Mr. Hartline is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and Elks.

A. K. Acheson, retired, is a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Erie. He was born in this city, July 1, 1853, and is the son of James and Elizabeth (McKinistry) Acheson.

James Acheson was a native of Ireland, as was also his wife. After their marriage they came to this country and settled near Erie, where Mr. Acheson engaged in farming. Later, he worked in a local foundry. He died in 1886 and his wife died in 1876. To Mr. and Mrs. Acheson the following chidren were born: Mary, deceased, was the wife of David Miller, Erie; James, deceased; William, died in infancy; A. K., the subject of this sketch; William, deceased; and Elizabeth, married Edward Smith, lives in Erie.

A. K. Acheson attended the schools of Erie and when a young boy learned the moulder's trade, at which he was employed for a period of 40 years. At the time of his retirement in 1920 he was foreman of the wood working department of the Lovell Manufacturing Company, Erie. Mr. Acheson lives at 254 West 22nd Street.

On Oct. 27, 1874, Mr. Acheson was united in marriage with Miss Martha Robinson, of Warren, Ohio, and the daughter of John and Jennie (Oliver) Robinson, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were the parents of the following children: Jennie, deceased; James, lives in Youngstown, Ohio; Joseph, lives in Erie; Mary, deceased; William and John, both deceased; Mrs. Acheson; and Lucy, deceased.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Acheson were born two children: Ruth, married Harold Reniff, deceased, and she lives at Warren, Pa., and has one daughter, Allene, born in 1903, is the wife of Harry Maas, lives near Westminster; and Ralph, died at the age of 27 years.

Politically, Mr. Acheson is a Democrat. He served on the Erie School Board for a number of years. He is a member of the Simpson Methodist Church, and has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for 45 years. Mr. Acheson is one of the interesting pioneers of Erie, where he has spent his entire life.

James E. Speed is a substantial citizen of Erie and favorably known. He is a native of Pittsburgh, born June 4, 1881, and the son of John T. and Nancy J. (Swoger) Speed.

John T. Speed was born in England and after coming to this country settled in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he worked at his trade as a machinist. He died in 1888 and his wife, a native of Pennsylvania, died in 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Speed had five children: Ella, married Milo Kellogg, and she is now deceased; John T., lives in Erie; Maude, deceased; James E., the subject of this sketch; and Emmett, lives in Erie.

James E. Speed spent his boyhood in Erie and was educated in the public schools. At the age of 17 years he worked on the lakes and in construction work and remained in that line of work until 1915, when he was appointed city and state boiler inspector, in which capacity he has since served. Mr. Speed has proven capable and trustworthy in his work and is a reliable citizen.

On June 28, 1905, Mr. Speed was united in marriage with Miss Lulu Viola Stone, of Erie, and the daughter of Richard C. and Lena (Aicner)

Stone, residents of this city. They have two children: Ruth E., a student at Gridley High School; and J. E., Jr., born in 1919.

In politics Mr. Speed is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Elks Lodge.

Mr. Speed resides at 711 Plum Street, Erie, Pa.

Alpha J. Fisk is a progressive and enterprising business man of Wattsburg, where he is local manager of the Union Coal & Supply Company. He was born in Crawford County, Pa., Nov. 25, 1878, and is the son of Elisha J. and Lovina Amy Fisk.

Elisha J. Fisk was born in Crawford County in 1851 and his wife was born there in 1854. He died in 1894 and his wife died in Feb. 16, 1925. They had three children: A. R. Willis, lives in Warren County, Pa.; Alpha J., the subject of this sketch; and Alva A., lives at Union City.

Alpha J. Fisk received his education in the district school and spent a number of years in West Virginia where he engaged in the saw mill business. Since 1916 he has been identified with the Union Coal & Supply Company and in 1921 was transferred to Wattsburg as manager of this branch. They are wholesale dealers in flour, feed, grain, coal and building supplies.

On July 2, 1902, Mr. Fisk was married to Miss Jessie J. Dodge, who was born near Cambridge Springs, Pa., the daughter of Butler T. and E. J. (Hovey) Dodge. Mr. Dodge died in February, 1923, and his wife resides at Jamestown, N. Y. To Mr. and Mrs. Fisk were born two children: Gladys E., married Floyd W. Dougherty, and they have a son, Gerald E., born in October, 1923; and Gerald E., a student in the Wattsburg schools.

Mr. Fisk is a Republican, a member of the United Brethren Church of Union City, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a man esteemed for his reliability and industry.

Frank Henry Kelso is a substantial citizen of Erie County and a member of a family that has long been identified with the history of this section. He was born on a farm in West Mill Creek Township, Erie County, Nov. 15, 1877, and is the son of Albert C, and Livonia P. (Green) Kelso.

Albert C. Kelso was born in Erie County, Sept. 23, 1848, and died April 17, 1918. He was a successful farmer during his life and was a

prominent citizen of his community. On Sept. 10, 1873, he was married to Miss Livonia P. Green, of Harbor Creek, Pa., and to this union five children were born, namely: Philo A., born Dec. 20, 1875, died May 5, 1921, and is buried at New Lexington, Ohio; Frank Henry, the subject of this sketch; Ellen Elizabeth, born March 15, 1879, is the wife of H. S. Cooper and resides on West Eighth Street, Erie, Pa.; Harry William, born Nov. 5, 1882, resides in Erie, Pa., and Bessie Clarinda, born Aug. 9, 1885, died March 7, 1920, and is buried in Erie Cemetery. Mrs. Albert C. Kelso died Dec. 3, 1917, and is also buried in Erie Cemetery.

Frank Henry Kelso was reared on the farm. He attended the public schools, being a student at Scott's School No. 2, West Mill Creek. He also attended Central High School, Erie, after which he served four years as a machinist's apprentice at the Ball Engine Company. He has been in the employ of this concern for 25 years continuously.

On Oct. 26, 1904, Mr. Kelso was married to Miss Hazel E. Tompkins, of Wesleyville. They have two children: James Franklin, born April 20, 1906; and Elizabeth Livonia, born Dec. 23, 1907.

Mr. Kelso and his family are identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church and have a wide acquaintance in Erie County.

Edward H. Cook, an enterprising and well known farmer of Mill Creek Township, was born on the farm where he resides, March 28, 1868, and is the son of John and Mary (Hilborn) Cook.

John Cook, deceased, was a native of Erie County and a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in McKean Township and was the son of John Cook, who came to this section from Connecticut in 1845 and settled on the Cook farm in Mill Creek Township. It was originally owned by the Russell family that came here in 1820. John Cook died in 1870 and his wife died in 1916 at the age of 75 years. She was a native of Green Township, Erie County. Only one child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cook, Edward H., the subject of this sketch.

Edward H. Cook received his education in the district schools and at an early age owned and operated a farm in McKean Township, Erie County, which he sold in 1901. Three years later he purchased the old homestead in Mill Creek Township, where he now lives. He specializes in dairy and fruit farming and has a well improved farm.

On Oct. 18, 1892, Mr. Cook was married to Miss Mima Morrow, the daughter of Thomas and Esther (Alchorn) Morrow, both deceased. They

have two children: Edith M., was graduated from the schools of Belle Valley and Edinboro State Normal School. Since 1912 she has been a teacher in the schools of Erie County and is now teaching at Corry. Their son, Edward Everett, was born in 1897. He was married to Miss Hazel Appleman, and they live on a farm in Mill Creek Township.

Politically, Mr. Cook is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Belle Valley Presbyterian Church and are highly esteemed citizens of the community in which they live.

DeWitt B. Sammons is among the prosperous and widely known farmers of Erie County and the owner of 270 acres of well improved land in Amity Township. He was born in this county, June 25, 1871, and is the son of George and Frances A. (Harrington) Sammons.

George Sammons was born at Sharon, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1832, and was reared and educated in New York, and from there came with his parents to Erie County in 1855. He was the son of Benjamin J. and Anna (Hess) Sammons, natives of New York. He became an extensive land owner of this section and was a prominent citizen. He died March 16, 1910, and his wife, who was born Sept. 2, 1835, died Nov. 16, 1888. To them the following children were born: William H., lives near Wattsburg; Frances B., married George Reed, lives near Erie; Martha L., married U. S. Fuller, lives in Erie; Fordyce F., lives in North Dakota; Georgianna, deceased, was the wife of Gerry Bemis; and DeWitt B., the subject of this sketch.

DeWitt B. Sammons was educated in the public schools and attended Edinboro State Normal School. When a young man he purchased a farm in Erie County and has added to his land holdings until with his sons he now owns over 500 acres of land. He specializes in dairy farming and has registered stock. His farm is well improved and is among the attractive spots in the county.

On Sept. 30, 1892, Mr. Sammons was united in marriage with Miss Jessie Grace Tanner, a native of Amity Township, and the daughter of Amos and Mary (Faulkner) Tanner, both deceased. Mr. Tanner, a well known pioneer of Erie County, died in 1892 and his wife died in 1914. To Mr. and Mrs. Sammons were born four children: Edna A., married Carl Baldwin, lives at Arcade, N. Y.; Mabel Gertrude, doing foreign missionary work in India, was graduated from Edinboro State Normal School, Grove City College, and the Women's Medical College, Philadelphia; DeForest Tanner, married Miss Olga Carpenter, the daughter of Doctor Carpenter of Linesville, Pa., and they have three children, Charles DeWitt, Grace

and Doris; and Wm. Dana, who is engaged in farming in Erie County, married Miss Jean Watson, of Butler, Pa. An adopted son, Everett, was born in April, 1910.

In politics Mr. Sammons is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and a highly esteemed citizen of Erie County.

Ernest Keppel, president of the Corry Wrench Company, is a progressive business man of Erie County. He was born in Germany, Feb. 27, 1851, and is the son of Charles and Margretta (Fageline) Keppel.

Charles Keppel came to this country from Germany in 1853 and settled in Buffalo, N. Y., where he remained six years. He then removed to Cattaraugus County, N. Y., where he improved a farm of 85 acres from raw prairie. Ox teams were used in clearing the wilderness and their first home was a log cabin. Mr. and Mrs. Keppel, deceased, were the parents of the following children: Henry, a banker, lives at Corry; Mary, married John Danker, deceased, later married Joseph Hertick, also deceased; Ernest, the subject of this sketch; Charles, lives at Fair Plains, N. Y.; John, deceased; and Lizzie, married Charles Rider, lives at South Dayton, N. Y.

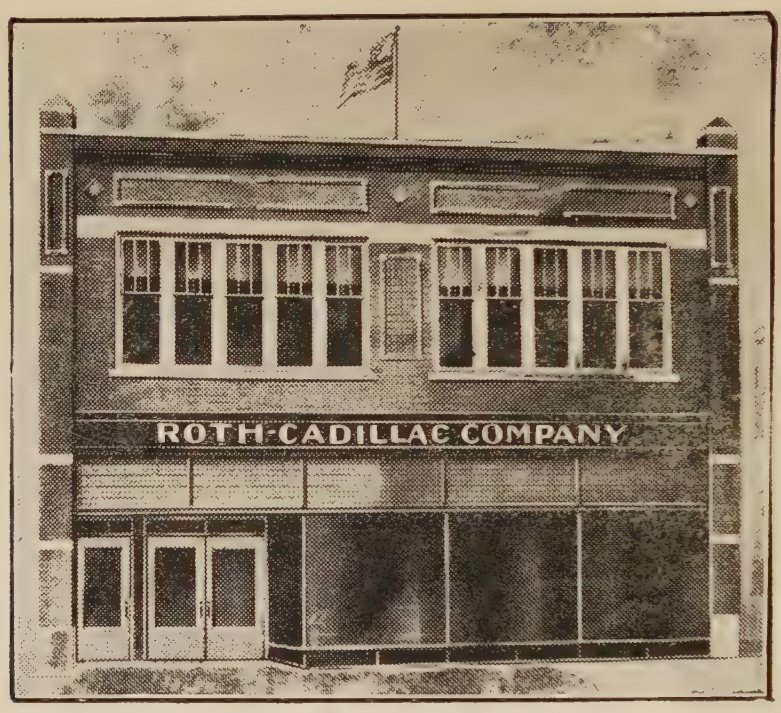
Ernest Keppel was two years of age when his parents came to this country. He was educated in the schools of New York and in early life engaged in farming. He later became interested in the lumber business and in 1910 organized the Corry Wrench Company, which has enjoyed a steady and rapid growth.

On April 7, 1872, Mr. Keppel was married to Miss Margaret Snyder, who was born in Germany, May 20, 1853, the daughter of John and Mary Snyder, both deceased. There were four children in the Snyder family; Mrs. Keppel; Carrie, deceased, was the wife of Henry Dar; Benjamin and Charles, both deceased. To Ernest and Margaret (Snyder) Keppel the following children have been born: Lena, married William Donahue, lives in New York; Mary, married E. J. Reinhardt, lives at Corry; Charles, engaged in business with his father; Henry, John, Walter, all live in Corry; Lizzie, married Vernon Bowles, lives in Corry; Florence, married Henry Bales, lives in Corry; and Clara, married Albert Lynn, lives in Corry.

Mr. Keppel and his family are members of the Lutheran Church and are among the substantial and highly respected citizens of Erie County.

The Roth Cadillac Company, one of the leading business enterprises of Erie, was organized in 1917 by Jacob Roth, pioneer automobile man of this section. He is a native of Germany and the son of the late Gottlieb and Barbara (Reisenweber) Roth.

The Roth Cadillac Company had its origin in 1892 when Jacob Roth engaged in the bicycle business with his brothers at 18 West Ninth Street.



ROTH-CADILLAC COMPANY, ERIE, PA.

In the years following the business was located at the following addresses: 1027 State, 1018 State, 1017-19 State, 1117-23 State, and in April, 1922, it was removed to its present location, 20-22 East Eighth Street. In 1898 Messrs. Roth combined their bicycle business with the automobile industry and in 1903 discontinued the former altogether.

Since 1903 the Roth Cadillac Company has been distributors for the Cadillac automobile in northwestern Pennsylvania and Conneaut, Ohio. The sales and service buildings are the largest in this section of the state, containing 40,000 square feet, two floors used for show rooms, stock rooms,

accessory store, garage, storage, repairing and repainting. Ramps are used instead of elevators. The building is well lighted, ventilated and steam heated, giving ideal conditions for efficient workmanship and painstaking care in all repair and reconditioning work.

Jacob Roth is senior member of the firm; John Roth, general manager; Louis Roth, sales manager; and Clara B. Roth, secretary and treasurer. The Roth Cadillac Company are members of the Automotive Association of Erie, the Pennsylvania Automotive Association, and the National Dealers Association.

Gottlieb Roth, deceased, was a native of Germany, born in 1848. He brought his family to this country in 1882 and settled in Erie, where he worked at his trade as a tailor. Later he engaged in the grocery business at 18th and State Streets. He died in 1896 and his wife, Barbara (Reisenweber) Roth, died in 1891. They are buried in Erie Cemetery.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roth the following children were born: Jacob, a well known building contractor of Erie, and founder of the Roth Cadillac Company; Mrs. George I. Ecker, lives in Erie; Louis, sales manager of the Roth Cadillac Company; Barbara, died at the age of six years; John, general manager of the Roth Cadillac Company; Andrew, a salesman for the Roth Cadillac Company; Clara B., secretary and treasurer of the Roth Cadillac Company; and Blanche, died in infancy.

Herbert D. Inman, a representative farmer and stockman of Venango Township, is a member of one of Erie County's oldest families. He was born on a farm near Wattsburg, Sept. 2, 1872, and is the son of Charles and Emily (Drake) Inman.

Charles Inman was a native of Erie County, born in 1834, and the son of Sylvester Inman, who settled in Erie County in 1824, having come here from Herkimer County, N. Y. Charles Inman became one of the most prominent farmers of this section and at one time owned 1,000 acres of land. He died in 1904 and his wife, a native of Erie County, died in 1910. They were the parents of five children: Dora, married D. C. Orton, lives in Erie; Sylvester C., deceased; Fred M., lives in Union City, Pa.; George L., deceased; and Herbert D., the subject of this sketch.

Herbert D. Inman received his education in the district schools and attended Wattsburg High School, Waterford Academy, and Ohio North-

ern University. He then went to Champaign, Ill., where he engaged in the brokerage and real estate business. He has always been interested in farming and stock raising and owns 240 acres of good farm land. He specializes in dairy farming and is a breeder of registered stock.

On July 16, 1910, Mr. Inman was united in marriage with Miss Mamie Price, a native of Indiana. Before her marriage she was engaged in nursing at Champaign, Ill. Mrs. Inman is the daughter of Scott and Martha (Parrish) Price. Mr. Price died in 1924 and his widow resides with Mr. and Mrs. Inman.

Politically Mr. Inman is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

Isaac B. Brown, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War and a member of a family that has lived in Pennsylvania since the early days. He was born in Elk County, Pa., Feb. 20, 1848, the son of Rasselas Wilcox and Mary Potter (Brownell) Brown.

Rasselas Wilcox Brown was a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., and settled in Pennsylvania in 1836. He improved 300 acres of land in Elk County and became a successful farmer and stockman. He died June 27, 1887, and his wife died April 12, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were the parents of the following children: Jefferson L., who served during the Civil War with Company C, 185th New York Volunteer Infantry, and later as a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, died Dec. 12, 1897; William Wallace, also a Civil War veteran, having served with Company K, 23rd New York Volunteer Infantry, and later served with a Pennsylvania outfit, has served as a member of the legislature and as assistant attorney general under President Roosevelt, now lives retired at Bradford, Pa.; Olive Jane married Silas W. Moyer, both deceased; Mary Ann, married George R. Allen, both deceased; Eunice A., the wife of William E. Hewitt, both deceased; and Isaac B., the subject of this sketch.

Isaac B. Brown enlisted as a private in the Union army in 1864 at the age of 16 years and served in the Third Division, Ninth Corps, Army of the Potomac, until the close of the war, when he devoted one year to study at Smethport Academy, and three years at Alfred University, from which he was graduated in 1869. He then taught school at Ridgeway, Elk County, and subsequently located in Corry, where he commenced the study of law and was admitted to practice in 1877. In 1878 he was nominated for the Assembly by the Republicans in the Second district of Erie

County, but was defeated by a combination of Democrats and Greenbackers. In 1880 he was nominated and elected. He served six years in the Assembly of Pennsylvania, having been three times successively chosen by the Republicans of the district. In 1886 he was a candidate against Hon. C. W. Mackey and Hon. L. F. Watson for the congressional nomination in the district composed of Erie, Venango, and Warren counties, but was defeated. In 1887 he was appointed deputy secretary of internal affairs by Hon. Thomas J. Stewart, then secretary of internal affairs, and in 1891 he was re-appointed to the same position. In 1894 he was prominently mentioned for the nomination for secretary of internal affairs, but withdrew before the Republican state convention was held. In January, 1895, he was appointed by Governor Hastings to the position of secretary of internal affairs to fill the unexpired term of Thomas J. Stewart, who had resigned to accept the appointment of adjutant general of Pennsylvania. During the session of 1885 he introduced and secured the passage of the bill for the establishment of the Pennsylvania Soldiers and Sailors Home at Erie. He was a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, having served on the staff of the commander in chief and he was several times elected a delegate to the national encampment. He served 15 years in the National Guard of Pennsylvania as second lieutenant and captain of the 16th and 17th Regiments and brigade judge advocate of the staff of Gen. James A. Beaver. Mr. Brown served as president of the Survivors' Association of the Third Division, Ninth Corps, Army of the Potomac, for 20 years.

Mr. Brown died at Corry, Jan. 16, 1925, and is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery. Full military honors were accorded his memory and the members of the J. J. Andrews Post No. 70, G. A. R., were honorary bearers, the active bearers being members of Lieut. A. W. Thompson Post No. 264, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Members of Company A, 112th Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, acted as guards of honor, as escort and firing squad.

On June 25, 1870, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Hannah Partington, who was born in England, April 5, 1849, the daughter of Richard and Mary (Radcliffe) Partington. To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac B. Brown were born three children: Lillian, born April 16, 1871, died Sept. 28, 1891; Sarah Mary, born Nov. 24, 1881; and Rasselas Wilcox, born Dec. 13, 1887.

Sarah Mary Brown was married Oct. 25, 1905, to Harold Arthur Gilbert, a graduate of Yale University, manager of the Pennsylvania Collap-

sible Tube Company, lives at Williamsport, Pa. Their children are: Elizabeth, born Aug. 9, 1908, a student at Kemper Hall, Kenosha, Wis.; and Wallace Brown Gilbert, born April 23, 1911, died July 22, 1911.

Rasselas Wilcox Brown is a mechanical engineer and general manager of the Corry Water Supply Company, Corry, Pa. He married Miss Bonnell Jourdet, and they have three children: Rasselas Wilcox (3rd), born May 16, 1920; W. Pendleton, born April 26, 1922; and Margaret Bonnell, born Oct. 27, 1924. Mr. Brown is a veteran of the World War. He was graduated from Bordentown Military Institute and served as senior captain of the corps of cadets for ten years. During the World War he was captain of Company A, 112th U. S. Infantry, and was wounded in action. After his recovery he was detailed to the Third British Army under General Bing.

Isaac B. Brown was recognized as a substantial and progressive citizen of Erie County and had an extensive acquaintance throughout the community.

George H. Selkregg is an enterprising citizen of North East and representative of the successful type of business man of the community. He was born in North East, Aug. 3, 1862, and is the son of Harley and Mary (Mills) Selkregg.

George H. Selkregg received his education in the public schools of North East and was graduated from Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. For several years he was associated in business with his father at North East, who conducted a hardware store. In 1888 he established the florist and greenhouse business now conducted by him at North East. Mr. Selkregg has an extensive business and ships his plants to all parts of the country. He is a member of the Florist Telegraph Delivery and the Society of American Florists and American Rose Society.

On Oct. 25, 1887, Mr. Selkregg was married to Miss Frances E. Reimund, a native of Findlay, Ohio, born March 16, 1871, and the daughter of Adam and Frances (Neff) Reimund, natives of Germany and both now deceased. Mr. Reimund was a Civil War veteran and for a number of years operated a carriage works at Findlay, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Selkregg five children were born: Edwin R., mention of whom is made below; Fred M., mention of whom is made below; Harriet Frances, born May 31, 1892, married David A. Flemming, lives in Cleveland, Ohio, and they have two children, David A., and Frances Flemming; James L., born

Sept. 24, 1894, married Eileen Stettler, a World War veteran, having served with the aviation, now engaged in business with his father; and Charlotte Elizabeth, born May 28, 1896, lives at home.

Edwin R. Selkregg was born at North East, Oct. 9, 1888. He attended the public and high schools here and in 1916 was graduated from the Massachusetts College of Agriculture as an etymologist. He followed his profession in the employ of the U. S. Government in Georgia until March, 1923, when he became associated with his father. He is a member of the Etymologists Society of Washington, D. C., and belongs to the North East Club. Mr. Selkregg was married to Miss Mary Boynton, a native of Massachusetts, and they have four children: James Boynton, born March 27, 1918; Roxanna W., born Jan. 19, 1920; Susan, born Oct. 24, 1921; and Catherine, born Aug. 23, 1923.

Fred M. Selkregg was born at North East, July 5, 1890, and was graduated from the local high school in 1908. In 1913 he was graduated from State College of Pennsylvania, after which he became connected with the Ingersoll-Rand Company of New York, N. Y., as their representative in Honolulu, where he remained two years. He is still identified with that company and lives in Davenport, Iowa. He is a World War veteran having served in France with Company M, 23rd Engineers. He also took a four-months' course at a college in Toulouse, France, where he received a diploma from the college. Mr. Selkregg was married to Miss Mildred Kreiger of Chicago and they have two children: Fred M., Jr., born in Honolulu, and Patricia, born at Davenport, Iowa.

The Selkregg family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church and have a wide acquaintance in Erie County.

Dr. Ross W. Thompson is a successful and well known physician and surgeon of Erie County and a veteran of the World War. He is engaged in the practice of his profession at Wattsburg. He was born at Racine, Beaver County, Pa., Dec. 20, 1877, and is the son of Robert Milton and Louise J. (Roberts) Thompson.

Robert Milton Thompson, a native of Beaver County, Pa., was born Oct. 10, 1847, and now lives retired at Beaver Falls, Pa. He was a railroader for 45 years and from baggage master was promoted to station agent at Homewood. He is a Republican and has served as justice of the peace and school director for many years. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of

Pythias. His wife, a native of Ohio, was born Dec. 18, 1849, and died in March, 1917. To Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were born four children: Anna, deceased; David Robert, married Maud A. Wilson, and they have two children, Howard David, and Eulalia Blanche, who married Fred Ritts, and lives at Atlanta, Ga.; Ira, deceased; and Dr. Ross W., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Ross W. Thompson was reared at Beaver Falls and after attending the public schools there was graduated from Geneva College. He received his degree as Doctor of Medicine from the University of Pittsburgh in May, 1902, and after completing his interne work at Mercy and Maternity Hospitals, Pittsburgh, he established his practice at McKean, Pa., where he remained until December, 1911. From that time until 1912 he was located at Blandburg, Pa., at which time he removed to Wesleyville. From 1914 until 1924 he served as a surgeon for the New York Central Railroad and in April, 1924, opened his office at Wattsburg.

In 1900 Doctor Thompson became a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard and served a term of three years with Company B, 10th Regiment. In 1917 he volunteered for service in the World War and on July 16th of that year was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Medical Officers Reserve Corps. He was sent to Camp Jackson, S. C., where he remained until the close of the war, being discharged March 23, 1919.

On Jan. 1, 1903, Doctor Thompson was married to Miss Cordelia Thompson a native of Butler County, Pa. They have no children.

Doctor Thompson is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Elks Lodge, Knights of Malta, and Moose Lodge. He is identified with the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, the Erie County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Doctor Thompson is eligible to practice medicine in the states of Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Missouri and California.

Eldred G. Smith, who conducts a men's furnishing business at Albion, is a substantial and well known citizen of Erie County. He was born at Meadville, Pa., Aug. 19, 1876, and is the son of Nathan R. and Mary (Smith) Smith.

Both Nathan R. Smith and his wife are natives of Crawford County, and reside at Meadville, where for many years he has ranked among the leading merchants. He owns a high grade men's clothing store and the

business is now conducted by his sons. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith the following children were born: Cassius, a member of the firm of Smith Bros., clothiers; Grace, married R. Platt, lives in Cleveland, Ohio; H. G., a member of the firm of Smith Bros., Meadville; and E. G., the subject of this sketch.

After completing his high school course at Meadville in 1893, E. G. Smith was graduated from Meadville Commercial College in 1895. He immediately became interested in the clothing business and in 1899 went to Corry, Pa., as manager of the R. F. Livermore Company, with whom he remained until 1902. He then returned to Meadville as an associate member of the firm of Smith Bros., and on May 15, 1910, established his present business at Albion, which is known as the Smith Clothing Company. Mr. Smith handles high grade merchandise exclusively and a complete line of men's furnishings, shoes, etc.

On April 15, 1899, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Maude Fairchilds, a native of Meadville, and the daughter of Calvin and Alpha Fairchilds, both deceased. They have two children: Gerald, born May 13, 1900, is associated in business with his father and is a veteran of the World War, having served with the Navy; and Virginia, born Aug. 17, 1908, is a student at Albion High School.

Mr. Smith and his family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church and he belongs to the Elks Lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Spanish American War veteran, having enlisted in Company B, 15th Infantry, National Guards of Pennsylvania, on April 19, 1898. He was later transferred to the Fifth United States Regulars and sent to the Phillipines, where he served until Feb. 10, 1899.

Mr. Smith has many friends in Erie County and he and his family are among the representative citizens of their community.

Charles Ladd is a leading farmer and stockman of Amity Township. He was born in New York City, Jan. 15, 1875, and is the adopted son of H. E. and Martha (Sammons) Ladd.

H. E. Ladd, deceased, was a native of New Hampshire and an early settler of Venango Township where he successfully engaged in general farming until his death in 1902. He served as justice of the peace for three terms and was familiarly known throughout Erie County as Squire Ladd. His wife, a native of New York, died in 1907, and they are both buried in the Wattsburg cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Ladd had five children:

Hiram, Harlan, and Benjamin, all deceased; Anna Aurelia, married J. J. Rouse, lives at Wattsburg, and Mary Alice who married Charles Ladd, the subject of this sketch.

When a small child Charles Ladd was adopted by the Ladd family and has since lived in Erie County. For many years he was associated in farming with his foster father. Mr. Ladd owns one of the fine farms of Amity Township and operates 108 acres.

Mr. Ladd was married to Miss Mary Ladd, and they have a daughter, Martha C., who was graduated from Edinboro State Normal School in 1925. Mrs. Ladd taught music for several years.

Mr. Ladd is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Republican and a substantial citizen of his community.

Rev. Adolph L. Benze, deceased, was born in the historic old Fortress of Thorn, Prussia, Germany, Sept. 18, 1833, the son of Frederick and Eva Maria (dePomalianski) Benze, the latter of whom was a representative of a prominent family of the ancient Polish nobility. At the time of the birth of Reverend Benze his father was a cavalry officer in the Austrian army. Later he received his honorable discharge with the rank of captain and was then appointed prison inspector of a large district. He was born at Velpke, Brunswick, Germany, the descendant and one of the heirs of an old and influential Brunswick family, whose history is authentically traced back to 1650. He died in 1854 and his wife died in 1839; they are both buried at Neustadt, Prussia, Germany.

Adolph L. Benze secured his early educational training at Neustadt, Germany, and after two years of travel in Hungary and Germany, he came to America in 1854, at which time he was 21 years of age. He located at Lancaster, Pa., and later completed his classical education in Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, where he was graduated. Having decided to prepare himself for the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, he was soon afterward matriculated in the theological seminary connected with the same college, and here he was graduated in 1864, in which year he was ordained by the Evangelical Lutheran ministerium of Pennsylvania. His first call was to the pastorate of the Lutheran church at Warren, Pa., where he remained eight years. In May, 1872, he received a call to the pastoral charge of St. John's Lutheran Church, Erie, leaving as a memorial to his skillful administration a flourishing congregation and

REV. C. THEODORE BENZE

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a handsome new church edifice. He died Jan. 18, 1891. Reverend Benze, on account of his astonishing success in building up the largest Protestant congregation in Erie, was one of the best known men of the city. He possessed exceptional ability as a pulpit orator, and as such was widely known. His reputation, however, was more than local. A fluent writer and frequent contributor to church and secular papers, he was asked more than once to assume the editorship of one of the best known German papers in the United States. He also gained lasting recognition in another department, that of church music, by the publication of a volume of songs, and he is generally acknowledged to have been excellent, both as a poet and a composer.

On Sept. 8, 1864, Reverend Benze was married to Miss Elizabeth Kiehl, who was born at Erlenbach, Hessen, Germany, Oct. 26, 1839, the daughter of Jacob and Saloma Kiehl. They had seven children: Rev. Charles Theodore, Rev. Gustave A., Leopold Otto, Marie Louise, Albert Louis, Emma C., and Frederick W. Benze.

Rev. Charles Theodore Benze, eldest of the children of the late Rev. Adolph L. Benze, has followed in his fathers' footsteps and has thus shown himself fully appreciative of the precept and example of the late pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, to whom it must have been most gratifying that two of his sons should enter the ministry. He was born at Warren, Pa., Sept. 19, 1865, and his early educational advantages were those afforded by the public schools. He was graduated from high school in 1883 and was for a number of years a teacher of the German language, first in the Erie grammar school and later in the high school. In the field of pedagogy he was popular and successful, but he heeded the summons to a higher vocation and began the work of preparing himself for the ministry. In 1897 he was graduated from the Chicago Theological Seminary and in the same year received the order of ordination, after which he assumed the pastorate of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Beaver Falls, Pa. In 1898 he became his brother's co-adjutor in St. John's Church, Erie, where he served as associate pastor until 1906, when he accepted the call to St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, a mission which had been established by Rev. Gustave A. Benze, his brother. Of this pastoral charge he has since remained incumbent and his labors have not been denied a goodly fruitage, both spiritual and temporal. On Oct. 15, 1908, Reverend Benze started on a tour of inspection of the missions

of the Evangelical Lutheran churches in India, and he remained abroad in this work until April, 1909, gaining valuable experience.

Reverend Benze was united in marriage with Miss Hermenia Ohl, of Milwaukee, Wis., and they have one son, Winfred Theodore.

Reverend Benze has inherited much of his father's gift of effective pulpit oratory, as well as administrative ability, and his pastorate of St. Stephen's church has been one marked by most successful work. He is a member of the Pennsylvania German Society, and the Erie County Historical Society.

Rev. Gustave Adolph Benze, A. M., D. D., succeeded his father in the pastorate of St. John's Church, where he has proven himself altogether faithful and zealous in advancing the work so long entrusted to his loved father. He was born at Warren, Pa., Jan. 11, 1867, and is the son of the late Rev. Adolph Leopold Benze, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

To Rev. Adolph Leopold and Elizabeth (Kiehl) Benze were born the following children: Rev. Prof. C. Theodore, D. D., 7304 Boyer Street, Philadelphia; Rev. L. A., A. M., 940 East 22nd Street, Erie; Mrs. Mary L. Appelman, deceased; Rev. Albert L. Benze, D. D., Putnam Street, Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Emma C. Althof, East 22nd Street, Erie; Frederick W., deceased; and Rev. Gustave Adolph, the subject of this sketch.

Gustave Adolph Benze is indebted to the public schools of Erie for his early education. He was graduated from high school in 1884 and two years later from Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was then a student at the theological seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., and in 1889 was graduated from the theological seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the city of Philadelphia. His ordination occurred in 1889, and his first charge was that of Drake's Mills and Corry, Pa., where he remained until Feb. 18, 1891, when upon the death of his father, he succeeded to the pastorate of St. John's Church in Erie, where he has since labored earnestly and effectively and with a deep appreciation of his stewardship, and where "his rare energy, administrative tact and ability and pulpit eloquence found an enlarged field of usefulness." Building on the foundations so well laid by his father, he has made St. John's one of the largest and influential Protestant churches in the city, exerting an influence far beyond the confines of his membership. Having been pastor in the city for 34 successive years, Doctor

Benze is the senior of the Protestant clergy as far as years of actual service in the city are concerned. He is the founder of St. Matthews and St. Stephen's Lutheran churches of this city and as conference president was instrumental in founding Christ Lutheran Church, Lawrence Park;

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Messiah Lutheran Church, Wesleyville, Pa.; First English Lutheran Church, Dunkirk, N. Y.; St. Paul's, Farrell, Pa.; Grace, Conneaut, Ohio; and First English, Ashtabula, Ohio. He built an addition to the present church at an expense of $45,000, renovated the Sunday School at a cost

of $18,000, built the first St. Stephen's Chapel, and was instrumental in securing the property of St. Matthews.

Doctor Benze preaches every Sunday in two languages, English and German, to large audiences at three services. He has made his Sunday School a thoroughly graded one, edits the Parish Index (monthly), wrote a history of St. John's in English and in German, which has been commended by church historians, and has been a contributor to the daily and religious press. He has been honored highly by the church at large. He is the first and only president of the Lutheran Home for the Aged, which he founded; director of the Erie Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society, which he helped to found; director and member of various committees of the Bethesda Home, Crawford County, Pa.; was president of the Erie Conference for 12 years, and at present is its treasurer; acting president of the Pittsburgh Synod for nine months; delegate to the former General Council and the United Lutheran Church in America for a number of times. He is secretary of the Examining Committee of the Pittsburgh Synod; was one of its trustees, member of its executive committee and is at present secretary of the Board of Northwestern Missions of the United Lutheran Churches in America.

On Oct. 7, 1903, Doctor Benze was united in marriage with Miss Alice L. Fourspring, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Louisa (Laschinske) Fourspring. The former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Prussia, Germany. He is deceased and she lives at 2302 Peach Street, Erie. Doctor and Mrs. Benze have no children, but a niece, Beatrice Fourspring, makes her home with them.

Doctor Benze is a Republican.

Rev. Leopold Otto Benze, A. M., pastor of St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, is a leading and influential citizen of Erie. He was born at Warren, Pa., March 26, 1869, and is the son of Rev. Adolph Leopold and Elizabeth Katherine (Kiehl) Benze. A complete sketch of the late Rev. Adolph Leopold Benze appears elsewhere in this history.

Rev. Leopold Otto Benze received his education in the schools of Erie and was graduated from Erie High School with distinction in 1887; from Thiel College in 1893; and from the Mount Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, in 1896. In that year he took charge of the English Lutheran congregation of Zelienople, Butler County, Pa., and was instrumental in building a handsome stone church. After eight years pastorate, he accepted a call to St. John's English Lutheran Church at McKeesport, Pa., where he was

rated as one of the most successful pastors. He accepted a call to St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Erie, in the year 1909, at a time when the congregation practically did not exist, necessitating work of extraordinary difficulty. A church had to be built without funds and at the same time a congregation had to be gathered. Added to this the almost prohibitive handicap of language, as the Mission had been started

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in German and all German emigration had ceased. The scant material available had to be churched and Americanized. As the result of 15 years heart-breaking effort, there is now a substantial congregation in possession of a handsome church edifice, invitingly equipped, including a splendid pipe organ. Besides this the congregation has come into full possession of an attractive parsonage and acquired title to an adjoining property, later to be used for a parish house; while the language problem is all but climinated.

On Oct. 14, 1896, Reverend Benze was married at Bethlehem, Pa., to Miss Estelle Hess, a native of Quakertown, Pa., and the daughter of Joshua K. and Adelia (Nagle) Hess, natives of Pennsylvania. The Hess

family is an old colonial family of this state with many distinguished members, having settled here in 1750. Mr. Hess was a Civil War veteran and died Jan. 5, 1924. His wife resides at Bethlehem, Pa. To Reverend and Mrs. Benze were born the following children: Miss Leona, a teacher in Garfield School, Erie; Mrs. George Hess, until recently an assistant to the postmaster of Erie; Miss Estelle, a teacher in Penn School, Erie; Miss Elizabeth, a teacher in Columbus School, Erie; John, a student at Thiel College, Greenville, Pa.; and James, a student at Lincoln, Jr., High School.

Rev. Albert Louis Benze, D. D., pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, was born in Erie, Pa., July 4, 1874. He received his education in the public schools of Erie, Pa.; Wagner College, Rochester, N. Y., graduating from the Chicago Lutheran Seminary.

He was pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Meadville, Pa.; St. Peter's, North East; First English Lutheran Church, Jamestown, N. Y.; and Cleveland, Ohio; Wheeling, W. Va., before entering on his present pastorate, where he is eminently successful.

He is a director of Wittenberg, Springfield, Ohio.

He married Emma Bark, of Meadville, Pa. They have one child, Alberta.

Frank A. Schrimper is a reliable and enterprising young business man of Belle Valley, where he was born Jan. 31, 1892. He is the son of Frank C. and Anna (Detrich) Schrimper.

Frank C. Schrimper is a prosperous farmer of Erie County and owns well improved farms in Mill Creek and Green Townships. He is an extensive dairy farmer. To Mr. and Mrs. Schrimper, who are natives of Belle Valley, the following children were born: Edward C., born Dec. 23, 1887, married Callie Schuster, and they have three children, Clarence W., Howard F., and Kenneth C.; Frank A., the subject of this sketch; Harry C., born March 29, 1894, lives at home; Elizabeth B., married W. G. Davis, a farmer, lives at South Harbor Creek, Pa.; Anna M., and Arthur W., both at home.

Frank A. Schrimper attended the public schools of Belle Valley, East Mill Creek High School and Erie Business College. For a time he was connected with the Buffalo & Lake Erie Traction Company as an assistant surveyor and was later employed by the W. J. Carrol Company of Erie.

He then returned to Belle Valley and was associated with the W. D. Ripley Company until 1915, when with his brother, Edward C., he purchased the business. They are dealers in coal, feed, flour, fertilizer, hardware, and farming implements, and have a well established business. Mr. Schrimper has served as secretary and treasurer of the local electric light company.

On Oct. 2, 1918, Mr. Schrimper was married to Miss Harriet J. Wagner, a native of this place, born May 3, 1891, the daughter of Cassius and Carrie (Drown) Wagner, both deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Schrimper are members of the Presbyterian church and he belongs to the Erie Chamber of Commerce and the Belle Valley Grange. They are well known in Erie County and have many friends and acquaintances.

Charles F. Bliley, who is successfully engaged in the garage business at Hammett, Green Township, is a native of Erie County. He was born in this township, July 7, 1877, and is the son of Ferdinand and Kane (Yosten) Bliley.

Ferdinand Bliley, deceased, was a native of Erie County and a prosperous farmer during his life. He served as constable for several years and died Sept. 7, 1886. His wife, a native of Germany, died in August, 1877. To Mr. and Mrs. Bliley were born six children: Blanche, married C. Martineau, lives at Union City, Pa.; Maud, the widow of William McGuire, lives at Union City; Will D., married Arie Titus, lives at Lake Pleasant, Pa.; A. J., married Cora Loop, lives at Lake Pleasant; John F., married Orie Titus, lives at Union City, Pa.; and Charles F., the subject of this sketch.

After completing his education in the district schools of Union Township, Charles F. Bliley learned the carpenter trade at Erie. He was later a salesman for 18 years, handling farm implements. In 1920 he established his present business at Hammett, where he owns an up-to-date garage. He is an expert mechanic and does an extensive business throughout the surrounding community.

In 1900 Mr. Bliley was united in marriage with Miss Edith Ebert, a native of this township, born June 14, 1881, and a daughter of Charles and Sophia (Etter) Ebert, residents of Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Bliley have been born five children: Theodore F., born Sept. 10, 1901, a farmer, of Green Township, married Agnes Norell, and they have a son, Neil; Edith

L., born Sept. 8, 1908, a student at Academy High School, Erie; Belva, born May 26, 1911; Ferdinand, born March 3, 1916; and Alline, born Feb. 28, 1921.

Mr. Bliley and his family hold membership in St. Paul's Evangelical Church, of which he is vice president. He is a Republican and has served as township assessor for 13 years. Mr. Bliley is a reliable citizen and merits the esteem in which he is held in the community.

Claude D. Place, owner and proprietor of the Oregon Indian Medicine Company of Corry, ranks among the substantial and well known citizen of Erie County. He was born in Corry, Sept. 21, 1876, and is the son of Daniel B. and Mary A. (Daniels) Place.

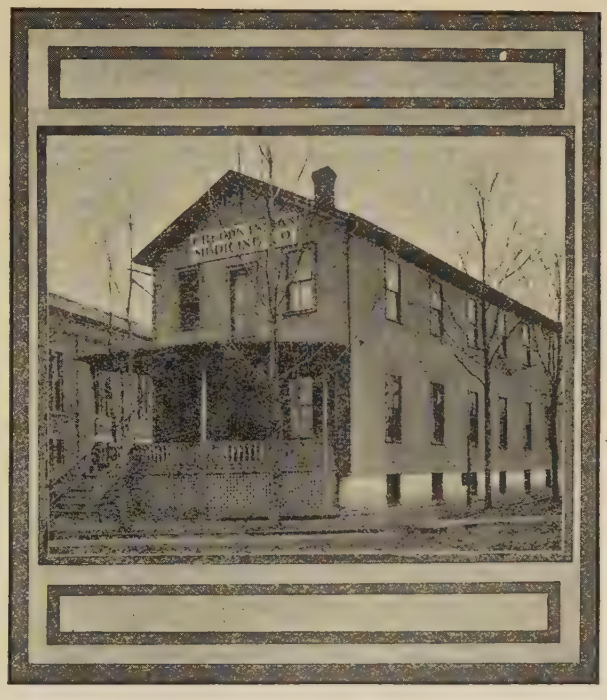
Daniel B. Place was a native of St. Lawrence County, N. Y., and an early settler of Pennsylvania. He settled near Corry and was interested in the oil business for a number of years. Later he engaged in general farming and stock raising. Mr. Place was a Democrat and served as road commissioner for several terms. He was a member of the Christian church and died Dec. 22, 1914. His wife, also a native of New York, died Nov. 25, 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Place had five children, as follows: Frank, died in 1881; Clayton, deceased; Charles B., lives in Philadelphia; William C., died in 1882; and Claude D., the subject of this sketch.

Claude D. Place attended the Corry schools and his first position was as a drug clerk in a local store. He later became associated with Col. T. A. Edwards, founder of the Oregon Indian Medicine Company. Mr. Place purchased the business in 1909.

In 1874 Col. T. A. Edwards, Dr. Wm. C. McKay, Donald McKay, and 18 Warm Spring Indians, who had served the government during the Modoc War, formed a company to travel and give exhibitions illustrative of Indian habits and customs. This troupe was styled "The Heroes of the Lava Beds." They visited Europe, exhibited in Austria, Belgium, Germany, Scotland and England, and returned to this country in the spring of 1876, and were at Philadelphia during the Centennial Exposition. Dr. Wm. C. McKay and his brother, the well known government scout, Donald, were of Scotch-Indian ancestry. The doctor was not only familiar with the remedies known to Indian tradition, but was as well a graduate physician of the Williamette University, and was thus able to combine the Indian lore with the best that was known to medical science.

Claude S. Place.

At the close of the Exposition the two brothers together with Colonel Edwards organized the Oregon Indian Medicine Company, and presented for the first time to civilization real Indian medicines. The miracles performed by these simple Indian remedies soon gave them a reputation seldom attained by other medicines. The rapidly increasing sales attracted wide attention, and with increased capital, a company was formed,



OREGON INDIAN MEDICINE COMPANY, CORRY, PA.

chartered and incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, grounds for erecting laboratories were purchased at Corry, and the manufacture commenced on a large scale. From that day until the present, during a period of nearly 50 years, the business has been one of phenomenal and uninterrupted success. "Ka-Ton-Ka" was the first medicine introduced by the company and together with Modoc Oil and a complete line of Indian medicines has an extensive sale, throughout the country.

On March 15, 1904, Mr. Place was married to Miss Josephine N. Cameron, born April 4, 1885, and the daughter of Maxwell C. Cameron,

a sketch of whom appears in this history. To Mr. and Mrs. Place have been born three children: Janet Elizabeth, born in 1913, died in 1918; Claudia Cameron, born May 21, 1915; and Mary Joan, born Dec. 6, 1919.

Mr. Place is a Democrat, and he and his family attend the Presbyterian church, and he belongs to the Elks lodge. He is an enterprising citizen of Erie County and stands high in his community.

Charles E. Renick is among the highly esteemed and well known citizens of Albion, where he has served as station agent for the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad for 25 years. He was born in Butler County, Pa., June 16, 1872, and is the son of W. D. and Caroline (Snyder) Renick.

W. D. Renick and his wife were born in Germany. With their parents they came to America at an early age and settled in Butler County, Pa. He became an extensive stockman and large land owner, owning 600 acres of land in that county. He was a prominent citizen and held many public offices. Mr. Renick died at the age of 76 years and his wife at the age of 80 years. They are buried at West Liberty, Pa. To them the following children were born: J. G., a prominent farmer of Butler County, Pa.; D. A., lives retired at Slippery Rock, Pa.; Louisa, deceased, was the wife of F. J. Doerr; G. W., deceased, was the husband of Myrtle Sager, of Slippery Rock, Pa.; Margaret, married A. M. Hall, lives retired at Grove City, Pa.; A. H. married Clara Weimer, lives near Keister, Pa.; W. F., married Margaret Wallace, lives on the old home place in Butler County, Pa.; and C. E., the subject of this sketch.

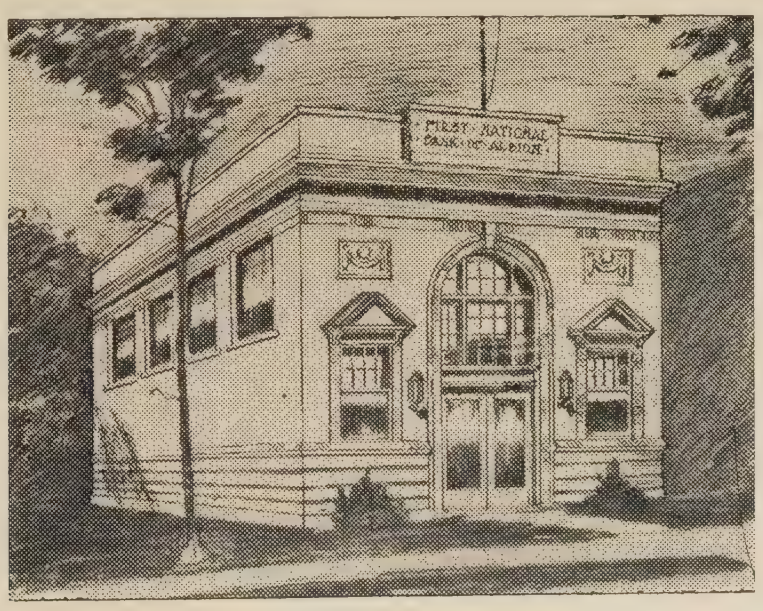
C. E. Renick spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools of Butler County and Slippery Rock Normal School. In 1892 he entered the employ of the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad as a clerk and operator. He was later made agent at Branchton, Pa., and on June 2, 1900, was transferred to Albion as local station agent, in which capacity he has since served.

On Sept. 10, 1902, Mr. Renick was united in marriage with Miss Sara E. Krumpe, who was born at Sarver, Pa., March 24, 1877, and the daughter of William and Mary (Koegler) Krumpe. Mr. Krumpe is deceased and his widow lives at Slippery Rock, Pa. They had four children, two of whom died in infancy. The remaining two were: Mrs. Renick; and Dr. H. E., a dentist, was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and now practices his profession at East Liberty. After her first hus-

band's death, Mrs. Krumpe was married to Frederick J. Doerr, who is deceased. To this union three children were born: Rev. Alfred Doerr, was a minister of the Presbyterian Church, is now deceased; Dr. Clarence Doerr, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, now practicing dentistry in Pittsburgh; and Norman Doerr, a successful farmer and stockman of Slippery Rock, Pa.

To C. E. and Sara E. (Krumpe) Renick four children were born: H. E., born at Albion, July 22, 1903, was graduated from Albion High School in 1921, and is now a senior at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.; W. F., born June 6, 1906, a senior at Albion High School; R. M., born Oct. 25, 1908, a student at Albion High School; and Mary C., born Jan. 24, 1912, a student.

Mr. Renick has served as mayor of Albion and as auditor of the borough for several years, as well as a member of the health board. He is a 32nd degree Mason, and an active member of the Parent-Teacher Association of Albion. He was one of the organizers and is a director of the First National Bank of Albion, and was instrumental in the organization of the Albion Telephone Company. Mr. Renick is a reliable citizen and favorably known in Erie County.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ALBION, PA.

Continental Rubber Works. In August, 1903, the Continental Rubber Works received its charter from the State of Pennsylvania, having been organized by residents of the city of Erie, under the direction of Theron R. Palmer, who was formerly connected with the Pennsylvania Rubber Company.

The original plant of the Tribune Bicycle Works was purchased and altered to conform to the requirements of the manufacture of rubber goods.

On Nov. 12, 1903, the machinery was started and the manufacture of bicycle tires, tubes and accessories begun.

The following officers were elected: Theron R. Palmer, president and general manager; Alex Parecki, vice president; Charles Jarecki, secretary; Chas. S. Coleman, treasurer.

Such was the reputation of those whose initiative made possible the formation of the Company, that orders were received from all over the country before the samples were ready for inspection.

At first bicycle tires and tubes were the chief products, but not long afterwards the mechanical Department began to produce a varied assortment of hose, packing and other goods, as soon as the required machinery could be erected.

From the beginning success seemed to be established and it soon became necessary to enlarge the plant to adequately take care of the increasing business, until today the buildings occupy an entire square and additional space adjacent, all of which are fully occupied in the manufacture of rubber goods.

The original plant occupied one and a fourth acres, while at present, due to purchases at different times, the company owns five acres. The floor space of the plant at first was 70,000 square feet, which has been increased by reason of the erection of several new buildings, to 227,500 square feet.

The power plant as now constructed, contains automatic machinery for handling, crushing and storing coal, and for loading cars with ashes.

The number of boilers has increased four fold, all fed by automatic stokers of the best type. Another feature is the Reclaiming Plant which converts scrap rubber of all kinds into rubber suitable for manufacturing various kinds of mechanical goods.

As business grew and the reputation of the Company became established, the original captal of $200,000 was increased to $800,000 in 1910; to $2,000,000 in 1914 and to $3,000,000 in 1920.

At different times branches were opened in various cities and today they are located in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco.

The business was not confined to the United States alone, but was also extended to England, the Continent, South America and Cuba, and is under the management of C. C. Kerner, who formerly had charge of the export business at the Erie office, but who now has his headquarters at the New York Branch.

In order to supply the demand for the finest quality of rubber goods, to be distinguished from those usually sold, the Continental Rubber Works put upon the market its "Vitalic" brand, which means the best that can be made and embraces bicycle, automobile and mechanical products, and that name is known all over the world as the Standard of quality and manufacture.

The latest development of the business, and one of large and growing volume, covers the manufacture of battery boxes, for use in automobile and radio outfits.

Herbert A. Werren, widely known as a successful dairy farmer, and the owner of 150 acres of well improved land in Mill Creek Township, is a member of one of Erie County's oldest families. He was born on the farm where he now resides, Feb. 14, 1890, and is the son of Louis and Anna (Gerlach) Werren.

Louis Werren, who lives retired at Erie, is a native of McKean Township, Erie County, and a son of Gustave Werren, who came to this country from Germany at an early age and settled on a farm in Erie County. His son Louis became interested in dairy farming and for 36 years was thus engaged on the present Werren farm in Mill Creek Township. He has served as a member of the school board. Anna (Gerlach) Werren is a native of Green Township, Erie County, and the daughter of August Henry Gerlach, who was born in Hanover, Germany, March 13, 1843, and came to this country with his parents in 1846. He landed in New York and after making the trip up the Hudson River to Albany, he came by canal to Buffalo and made the remainder of the trip to Erie by horse teams. He served during the Civil War as a first lieutenant and after the close of the war he lived in Mill Creek Township until his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Werren three children were born: Herbert A., the subject of this sketch; Anna, born Oct. 27, 1892, married G. H. Strayer, who is president and general manager of the Erie Steel Construction Company;

and Mabel, born March 21, 1894, married B. B. Whitley, Jr., lives at Erie, where he is connected with the Andrews Land Company.

Herbert A. Werren was educated in the public schools of Mill Creek Township and after completing a course at Davis Business College, Erie, he returned to his father's farm, which he purchased in 1923. He specializes in dairy farming and owns 50 head of pure bred cows and distributes approximately 400 quarts of milk daily in the City of Erie. He is also a breeder of Percheron horses. His barns are electrically equipped with milking machines and all other modern dairy appliances. Mr. Werren engaged in the production of crude oil in 1908 under the firm name of the Werren Oil Company, and has met with remarkable success.

Politically Mr. Werren is a Republican. He is a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner, and belongs to the Elks.

L. A. Battles, successful business man of Girard, is a member of a family that has been long identified with Erie County. He was born in Girard, June 8, 1867, and is the son of Asa and Sarah M. (Hinds) Battles.

Asa Battles, deceased, was a prominent fruit farmer of Girard. He was born in Girard Township, Erie County, in 1827, the son of Asa and Elizabeth Battles, both natives of Vermont. Thomas Battles, a Puritan emigrant, settled in Dedham, Mass., in 1642, and died in 1706. He raised a family and among his sons one settled at Bridgewater, Mass., from whom is descended John Battles, a great grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He married A. Curtis, Nov. 16, 1749, and their son, John, married Lydia Spear, and their son, Asa, was the father of Asa Battles, father of the subject of this sketch.

Asa Battles, Sr., was born in 1786 and married Elizabeth Brown, in 1814, the daughter of Abraham Brown, who was well known as a writer of sacred poetry and hymns. They had the following children: Rosina, born June 27, 1815, married L. I. Baldwin; George, born Rosina, born June 27, 1815, married L. I. Baldwin; George, born June 15, 1816, married Mary Bartlett; Alsina, born July 22, 1820; Lucina, born Jan. 16, 1824; Asa, father of the subject of this sketch; and Rush S., born April 24, 1833.

Asa Battles, Jr., engaged in the mercantile business at Girard when 20 years of age and conducted one of the largest stores in the place. At 21 years he was appointed postmaster, holding the office four years, when he engaged in mail contracting on quite a large scale with the postoffice

department, having at the commencement of the war of the Rebellion contracts in all the middle and western and some southern states. Owing to the unsettling of values the war about destroyed his business and he then turned his attention to the mercantile business exclusively, opening a wholesale store in Milwaukee, Wis., and soon after another in Chicago. He was also proprietor of a large hotel in Chicago, previous to the great fire, and he afterward operated a hotel in St. Louis a few years. Although exempt from military duty he hired a substitute and kept him in the service during the war. When Pennsylvania was unable to fill her quota in the army without resorting to draft, he accepted a commission from the government to proceed to the gulf states and obtain colored recruits in which he was quite successful. He was also largely interested in the oil business, owning many producing wells and a large refinery at Oil Creek.

Asa Battles, Jr., was married Dec. 27, 1849, to Sarah M., daughter of Perley Hinds, one of the early settlers of this county. Six children were born to them: Dr. Clarence Perley, born Oct. 6, 1853, a physician; Dr. Raymond W., born July 31, 1856, a physician of Ripley, N. Y., married Theresa, daughter of Hon. L. W. Thickstrum, and they had a son, Donald R.; Wilton L., born Sept. 21, 1860, a dentist; L. A., the subject of this sketch; and Cora Gertrude, born Jan. 18, 1871.

Asa Battles devoted his entire life to horticulture and is said to have owned the finest and most extensive fruit farm in the State of Pennsylvania. His wife is also deceased. Asa Battles died Aug. 28, 1889, and his wife died Jan. 27, 1901.

L. A. Battles was born in Girard, June 8, 1867, received his education at Girard high school and academy. Afterwards he lived on the Asa Battles fruit farm for a time. He then engaged in the practice of pharmacy, being a registered pharmacist in Pennsylvania, Arkansas and Indian Territory. He was also a member of the Arkansas Association of Pharmacists and a charter member of Indian Territory Association of Pharmacists organized at Muskogee. He returned to Girard in 1896 to manage the Battles fruit farm and also engaged in the real estate business which he is handling at the present time. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities.

Mr. Battles was married on Dec. 21, 1897, to Mary M. Babbitt, one of the two daughters of Eric Babbitt and Ellen J. Francis Babbitt, who are living retired at the old Babbitt home at Babbitt's Corners, south of

Girard. The other daughter, Cora Babbitt, married John E. Greenslade, one of Chicago's prominent business men, May 2, 1908. One son was born to this union, John, Jr., July 15, 1915.

To Mr. and Mrs. Battles six children were born: Lillian Irene, a teacher in Conneaut city school; Gladys Marguerite, a teacher in Cleveland; Marjorie Ellen, a graduate at Battles Memorial high school; and Leland Eric, also a student at the Battles Memorial high school. Two children died in infancy.

The Battles and Babbitt families are descendants of old New England stock. Mrs. Battles' grandparents were from Swanzy, N. H., and Boston, Mass. Both families were of the earliest settlers of this section. They have always been very highly esteemed and representative of the best citizenship in the county.

Charles M. James is among the successful and well known business men of Erie County. He is proprietor of St. James Hotel and Veil Hospital, Corry. Mr. James was born at Willard, Kan., March 10, 1879, and is the son of M. W. and Ellen (Smith) James.

M. W. James was born at Oil City, Pa., the son of Herman James, one of the pioneer oil men of that section of Pennsylvania. M. W. James removed to Kansas at an early age where he engaged in stock raising on a large scale. He died in 1906 and his wife died in 1918. They were the parents of the following children: Frederick R., deceased; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Fred Bear; Belle, married Frank Watts, both deceased; Herman, lives at Kansas City, Mo.; Charles M., the subject of this sketch; and Nellie, married Guy Hoskins, lives at Corry.

Charles M. James spent his boyhood on his father's ranch in Kansas and attended the public schools of Willard and also Bethany College. With his wife, who engaged in nursing, he became interested in hospital work and opened a hospital at Kansas City, Mo. The Veil Hospital in Corry was established in 1914 by Mr. and Mrs. James. They are also owners of the St. James Hotel.

On Jan. 7, 1903, Mr. James was married to Miss Irene Stephenson, a native of Missouri, born Sept. 22, 1879, and the daughter of George and Fannie (Moody) Stephenson, both deceased. There were four children in the Stephenson family: David J., lives in Kansas City, Mo.; Ophelia, married F. G. Butcher, ranch owner, Kansas; Dick, deceased; and Mrs. James. To Mr. and Mrs. James the following children were born: J.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES M. JAMES

Earnest, born May 2, 1914; James Gerrell, born July 29, 1918; Shirley, born Nov. 2, 1921; and Ellen, deceased.

Mr. James is a Republican, a member of the Baptist church and belongs to the Masonic lodge. He is an enterprising citizen of the community.

Dr. D. V. Reinoehl, who has practiced his profession in Erie for the past 25 years, ranks among the county's prominent physicians and surgeons. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born at Lebanon, April 1, 1873, and the son of John and Anna (Vogt) Reinoehl.

Doctor Reinoehl received his early education in the town of his birth and in 1894 was graduated from the Philadelphia School of Pharmacy and the following year from the Medical Department of University of Pennsylvania, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During that year he was appointed resident physician and surgeon of the Soldiers Home at Erie, which position he filled until January, 1900. Since that time he has been located in Erie, where he has established an excellent practice. His office is at 139 West 10th Street.

Doctor Reinoehl is identified with the Masonic lodge and takes an active interest in the affairs of his community.

Dr. L. W. Dolan, one of the well known physicians and surgeons of Erie, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession for a number of years, was born in Canada, Sept. 19, 1885, and is the son of Patrick and Bridget (Barrett) Dolan.

Patrick Dolan and his wife were natives of Castlebar, Ireland. After coming to Pennsylvania in 1894 they located in McKean County, where Mr. Dolan engaged in farming. There were ten children in the Dolan family, of whom five are now living: Martin, lives retired at Jamestown, N. Y.; John, lives at Kane, Pa.; Winifred, a nun, located at St. Joseph's convent, St. Marys, Pa.; Anthony, who is engaged in the general merchandise business with his brother at Kane, Pa.; and Dr. L. W., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. L. W. Dolan attended the public and high schools of Kane, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1904. The following two years were spent in the study of law with T. J. Dolphin, and in 1907 Dr. Dolan entered Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, from which he received his degree in 1911. He spent the next year as an interne in Alexian

Hospital, Elizabeth, N. J., and in 1912 began the practice of his profession at Kane, Pa. He removed to Erie in 1920 and was located at 1130 East 6th Street, until Dec. 30, 1922, when he removed to his present location, 204 Gorney Building.

Dr. Dolan is a Republican, and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church. He is a capable physician and surgeon and is recognized as one of the leaders of his profession.

Dr. C. F. Heard, who specializes in the treatment of disease sof eye, ear, nose and throat, is a native of Erie County. He was born at North East, and is the son of Dr. Amos B. and Amanda J. (Stuntz) Heard.

Dr. Amos B. Heard was born at Cussewago, Crawford County, Pa., Sept. 10, 1837, the son of James and Orpha M. (Button) Heard. He received his schooling in the public schools of his native township, attended the State Normal School in Edinboro for two terms and completed his general education in the Kingsville Academy. He had just entered upon the study of medicine when the Civil War broke out and he enlisted in Col. McLean's regiment, subsequently becoming master of transportation in the quartermaster's department, under Major Phelps, and continued in that service until the close of the war. He then resumed the study of medicine with Dr. William Bullock, of Flint, Mich., and in 1867 entered the medical department of Michigan University, Ann Arbor. After two terms spent in this institution he entered the Detroit Medical College and was graduated from there in 1872. He then entered upon the practice of his profession in Flushing, Mich., where he remained for four years, then removing to Ripley, N. Y., where he spent the following seven years. In 1880 he located at North East, where he established an excellent practice. To Dr. and Mrs. Heard were born the following children: Mary K.; Ralph E., an attorney, lives in Buffalo, N. Y.; Dr. James Lewis, practices medicine at North East, Pa.; Corydon F.; the subject of this sketch; and Fausta Heard.

Dr. C. F. Heard attended the public schools of North East and in 1898 was graduated from the University of Michigan, where he studied medicine. After serving as a throat specialist at the university for one year he returned to North East and practiced with his father and brother until the time of the former's retirement in 1911. In the meantime, Dr. C. F. Heard spent several years abroad in study and in 1912 came to Erie, where he established an office in the Masonic Building. He is connected

with the Hamot and St. Vincent's hospitals and has a well established practice.

Dr. and Mrs. Heard hold membership in the Presbyterian Church and he is identified with the Masonic lodge. He is a member of local, state and national medical societies, and is a progressive and capable man in his profession.

Dr. Clarence E. Cheeks, well known throughout Erie as an enterprising and successful dentist, was born at Abingdon, Va., April 9, 1890, and is the son of J. R. and Laura M. (Fowler) Cheeks.

J. R. Cheeks, a native of Virginia, died in 1916. He was a carpenter by trade. His wife resides in Cleveland, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Cheeks were born 11 children, as follows: Lena R., lives in Alabama; Robert, an attorney, lives in Cleveland; John, died at the age of three years; Ella Phillips, lives in Cleveland; Elmer J., lives in Cleveland; Clarence E., the subject of this sketch; W. F., lives in Erie; E. M., lives in Cleveland; E. F., a student at Western Reserve University, Cleveland; A. H., lives in Erie; and Henrietta, a teacher, lives in Cleveland.

Clarence E. Cheeks received his early education in the public schools of Cleveland, and was graduated from Central High School there in 1914. After a year's study at Iowa University he became a student at Western Reserve University, where he received his degree in 1917 as Doctor of Dentistry. He was commissioned a first lieutenant and sent to Columbus, Ohio, where he practiced his profession with Doctor Cox for eight months. He then went to St. Paul, Minn., to take charge of the practice of a friend, Dr. J. R. French, who had been called into the army. In the fall of 1921 Doctor Cheeks came to Erie and established his present practice. His office is located at 1801 State Street.

On Dec. 31, 1918, Doctor Cheeks was united in marriage with Miss Juanita Thompson, who was born in Erie, Dec. 14, 1894, the daughter of H. C. and Fannie Thompson. Mr. Thompson is a retired naval officer and lives at 448 West 3rd Street, Erie. To Doctor and Mrs. Cheeks have been born two children: Audrey, born Sept. 20, 1919; and Clarence E., Jr., born July 22, 1924.

Politically, Doctor Cheeks is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Elks lodge. He is identified with the Erie County Dental Society, the Pennsylvania State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. Doctor Cheeks and his wife are well known in Erie and have many friends.

Dr. H. Schmalenbach, a well known and successful young dentist of Erie, was born at Corry, Pa., June 7, 1899, and is the son of Rev. Joseph and Clara (Smith) Schmalenbach.

Rev. Joseph Schmalenbach was born in Germany and came to this country when he was 20 years of age, and located in Cleveland. Later, he lived in Pittsburgh and Baltimore, Md., where he was a minister of the Lutheran Church. He died Sept. 11, 1921, and his wife, a native of Erie and the daughter of George Smith, pioneer resident of Erie, now resides with her son, Dr. H. Schmalenbach. A sister, Esther E., also lives in Erie.

Dr. H. Schmalenbach attended the public schools of Pittsburgh and was graduated from high school in 1917. He then entered Capitol University at Columbus, Ohio, and was later graduated from Baltimore University with the degree of Doctor of Dentistry. Since Oct. 3, 1923, Doctor Schmalenbach has practiced his profession in Erie at 234 West 18th Street. He has already established an extensive practice and is efficient in his work.

In politics Doctor Schmalenbach is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Dr. George T. Barrett, a capable physician and surgeon, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession for the past 20 years in Erie, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Franklin, July 9, 1885, and is the son of Stephen and Catherine (Carew) Barrett.

Stephen Barrett was born in Ireland and came to America at the age of 16 years. He settled in Franklin in 1870 where he became a well known oil promoter and prospector. In later life he engaged in the wholesale liquor business and also operated a hotel at Kane, Pa. He died in 1915 at the age of 61 years, and his widow, who was born in Newfoundland, resides in Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Barrett were born seven children, as follows: Frances, deceased; George T., the subject of this sketch; Mary A. VanHouser, lives at 1339 West Tenth Street, Erie; Dr. Martin C., mention of whom is made below; Rev. Urban S., a priest, located at Bradford, Pa.; Marion, died in 1921, at the age of 26 years, was in training as a nurse at St. Vincent's hospital, Erie; and James P., now a medical student at the University of West Virginia.

Dr. Martin C. Barrett, who died May 6, 1924, at the age of 33 years, was among the prominent young physicians and surgeons of Erie, where

he was engaged in the practice of his profession from 1914 until his death. He served overseas during the World War with the rank of captain. He was unmarried.

George T. Barrett was graduated from St. Bonaventure College, Allegany, N. Y., in 1903, and in 1908 received his degree of Doctor of Medicine at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. His interne work was done at Hamot Hospital, Erie, and since 1910 he has been actively engaged in practice. He specializes in surgery and has been a member of the surgical staff of St. Vincent's hospital four years. He was connected with Hamot Hospital ten years.

On June 14, 1910, Dr. Barrett was married to Miss Mabel E. Welch, a native of Franklin, Pa., a daughter of Thomas C. Welch. Mr. Welch is connected with the Atlantic Refining Company, at Franklin, as a chemist. To Doctor and Mrs. Barrett have been born four children: Catherine, born in 1911; George, Jr., born in 1913, died in 1919; Robert, born in 1915; and Clement, born in 1917.

Doctor Barrett is an independent voter. He is a member of the Catholic Church, and is a man highly esteemed in his community.

Doctor Barrett is identified with the Erie County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He belongs to the Elks lodge.

Dr. Harry C. Cooper, a successful physician and surgeon of Erie, engaged in the practice of his profession with offices at 711 State Street, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Waynesboro, Franklin County, July 5, 1864, and is a son of Jeremiah and Catherine (Temm) Cooper.

Jeremiah Cooper, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania and a well known merchant of Waynesboro. There were seven children in the Cooper family, three of whom are now living: Dr. Harry C., the subject of this sketch; John lives in Binghamton, N. Y.; and Lillian Gerring, lives at Elmira, N. Y.

Harry C. Cooper was reared in Franklin County and after completing his early education attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, Md. In 1903 he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine from the University of Pittsburgh, and spent the following year as an interne in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. He began the practice of his profession at Ebensburg, Pa., in 1906, and after two years located in

Pittsburgh, where he remained in general practice for 15 years. Doctor Cooper has been located in Erie since 1920, and has already established an extensive practice.

In December, 1900, Doctor Cooper was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Lloyd, of Ebensburg, Pa., and the daughter of Rev. William Lloyd, deceased. Doctor and Mrs. Cooper were the parents of one son, William Clay Cooper, who was drowned in the Allegheny River when he was 15 years of age.

Doctor Cooper is a Republican, and holds membership in St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh.

Dr. John Ackerman, physician, is a citizen of Erie, where he has practiced his profession for 27 years. He was born at Tatamy, Pa., Jan. 28, 1872, the son of Josiah and Sarah Ackerman, both deceased.

Doctor Ackerman was educated in the public schools and in the State Normal School of Kutztown, Pa. In 1897 he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine at the post graduate school of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1897 Doctor Ackerman came to Erie and established his practice at 9 West 11th Street, where he remained 13 years. He has since been located at 138 West 7th Street. In 1909 Doctor Ackerman was a student at the University of Berlin. He has been a member of the staff at Hamot Hospital for the past 16 years.

Doctor Ackerman is identified with the Erie County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Reformed Church, a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner. Politically he is a Republican.

Dr. R. E. Patton, widely known naturopathic physician of Erie, was born at Springfield, Ohio, April 7, 1878, and is the son of Josiah T. and Mary A. (Saums) Patton.

Josiah T. Patton, deceased, was a native of Ohio and a pioneer business man of Springfield, where he was a well known undertaker and funeral director for 35 years. He was a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belonged to the Masonic lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. His wife, who was born at Bellefontaine, Ohio, Dec. 4, 1845, now resides with her children. There were the following children in the Patton family: Willie and Nora, both deceased; Dr. R. E., the subject of this sketch; and Mabel Waldron, lives at Springfield, Ohio.

Dr. R. E. Patton received his early education in the schools of Springfield, and upon his graduation in 1896 he immediately went to Battle Creek, Mich., where he spent ten years in the famous sanitarium. He was graduated from the American School of Naturopathy in 1912 and after taking post graduate work in the Lindlahr College of Natural Therapeutics, from which he was graduated in 1916, Doctor Patton began the practice of his profession, although he had been located in Erie since 1907 at various times when not taking courses in study. His office is at 131 West 18th Street and he has a well established practice.

On June 6, 1906, Dr. Patton was married to Miss Jessie A. Torrance, at Fredonia, N. Y. She is the daughter of Robert and Anna (Williams) Torrance. To Dr. and Mrs. Patton have been born four children: Dorothy L., born in 1907; Anna May, born in 1913; Lee Emerson, born in 1915; and Marjorie Lucille, born in 1917.

Doctor Patton is identified with the Knights of Pythias. He is a worthy member of his community and is highly esteemed.

Dr. Joseph N. Shipley, chiropractor, is widely known in Erie as a progressive man in his profession. He was born in Washington County, Md., May 28, 1872, and is the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Marie (Hall) Shipley.

Joseph Shipley, deceased, was born in Rockingham County, Va., in 1829. In early life he engaged in farming and later became interested in the shoe business in Maryland. He died Oct. 2, 1912, and his wife, a descendant of an old Virginia family, was born in 1836, and died Nov. 11, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Shipley were the parents of the following children: Samuel P., Isaac V., and Walter Edward, deceased; Lydia Kreps, lives in Williamsport, Md.; Ada Palmer, lives in Seattle, Wash.; William H., lives in Cleveland; Dr. Joseph N., the subject of this sketch; Daniel K., lives in Pennsylvania; Claud, Ashley, and Elizabeth, triplets, died in infancy; Lucy M., lives in McKeesport, Pa., and Thomas Jefferson, deceased.

Dr. Joseph N. Shipley received his degree as Doctor of Chiropractic at the Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa. He has been located in Erie since 1923 and is associated in practice with his wife and son, Dr. Joseph D. Shipley. Their offices are located at 924 State Street, and the Shipleys rank among the leaders in their profession in this section of the state.

In 1902, Dr. Shipley was united in marriage with Miss Alice M. Daley, a native of Pittsburgh, born July 6, 1880, and the daughter of

Eugene and Mary (Vaughan) Daley, both deceased. Doctor Shipley's wife is also a Doctor of Chiropractic, and was graduated in the same class with her husband. They have three children: Dr. Joseph Daley, born in 1903; Francis A., born July 16, 1906; and Alan Edwin, born April 28, 1910.

Doctor Shipley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and his wife belongs to the Catholic Church. He is a 32nd degree Mason and a highly esteemed member of the community.

Francis Millet, a pioneer resident of Erie County and a veteran of the Civil War, is now living retired at Union City. He was born at Salamanca, N. Y., July 18, 1848, and is the son of Vincent and Catherine (Culp) Millet.

Vincent Millet was a native of Cattaraugus County, N. Y., and his wife was born in Allegany County, N. Y. He was a pioneer shoemaker of that state. There were three children in the Millet family: Rose and Emily, deceased; and Francis, the subject of this sketch.

Francis Millet was educated in the district schools of Pennsylvania and when a young man learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for many years. He lived at Spartansburg, Pa., and for many years has lived in Union City. He served throughout the Civil War with Company G, 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged at Washington, D. C., June 2, 1865. Mr. Millet lives at 99 North Main Street.

On March 6, 1869, Mr. Millet was married to Miss Jemima Buell, who was born in Crawford County, Pa., Oct. 29, 1852, and died Sept. 9, 1911. To them were born eight children: Laura, married Alton Harris, lives in Union Township; Minnie, married Charles Thompson, lives in Erie; Lyman, deceased; Margaret, married George King, lives at Elgin, Pa.; Zelma, married Alton Baldwin, lives at Elgin, Pa.; Albert, lives at Cambridge Springs, Pa.; Ralph, lives at Union City; and Florence, married Fred Bowers, lives in Erie. On Sept. 24, 1918, Mr. Millet was married the second time to Miss Mary Dine, a native of Crawford County, Pa., born Jan. 3, 1859, and the daughter of Wesley and Matilda (Bunn) Dine. Mr. Dine served throughout the Civil War, and he and his wife are now deceased. There were nine children in the Dine family: Frank, lives at Lincolnville, Pa.; Mrs. Millet; Alice, married Lee Wycoff, lives in Union City; Nettie, married George Amy, lives retired at Corry, Pa.; Alta, married John May, lives at Jamestown, N. Y.; Vern, lives in Erie; Lottie,

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married Fred Holten, lives at Corry; Lillie, married Jepp Hotchkiss, lives at Corry; and George, lives at Corry.

Mr. Millet is a Republican, a member of the United Brethren Church and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. He is recognized as a substantial citizen and the Millet family are highly esteemed in the community.

Dr. C. C. Hammond, who has been a successful and well known physician and surgeon of Erie for a number of years, was born at Westmoreland County, Pa., Jan. 12, 1879, and is the son of Thomas and Nancy Hammond.

Doctor Hammond attended Slippery Rock Normal School in Butler County, Pa., and after his graduation in 1896 he engaged in teaching at Reynoldsville, Jefferson County, Pa. Several years later he entered the Medico-Chirurgical College in Philadelphia, where he received his degree in 1903. He then engaged in the practice of his profession at Wishaw, Jefferson County, Pa., where he remained until 1913. He has since been located in Erie. Doctor Hammond has taken post graduate work in Chicago in the study of eye, nose and throat diseases.

On Nov. 17, 1902, Dr. C. C. Hammond was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Lamb, of Palmyra, N. J. They have two sons: Eugene C., born Feb. 6, 1905, and Neale James, born Sept. 20, 1906. They were both graduated from Erie Academy High School in 1922. Eugene is attending Grove City College and Neale is with Bury Compressor Company, Erie, Pa.

Doctor Hammond is a member of the Erie County Medical Society, the Jefferson County Medical Society, and the Pennsylvania State Medical Association. He is a Republican and belongs to the Reynoldsville Elks lodge and Erie Eagles. Doctor Hammond has met with uniform success in his profession and is highly esteemed.

Dr. J. W. Switzer, physician and surgeon, who is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Wesleyville, is a native of Canada. He was born at St. Marys, Dec. 23, 1891, and is the son of R. H. and Ellen Margaret (Atkinson) Switzer.

R. H. Switzer was born in Canada, Aug. 30, 1852, and was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits during his life. He died July 17, 1921, and his wife, who was born in Canada, in April, 1852, now resides

at St. Marys, Canada, with her son, William. Her parents were James B. and Sarah (White) Atkinson. To Mr. and Mrs. Switzer were born nine children, as follows: Anna McTaggart, lives at St. Marys, Canada; Mary Ann, at home; Clara Blake, lives at Seaforth, Ont.; Bertha Jane Bickell, lives at St. Marys; Ellen Margaret Switzer, a teacher, lives at Vancouver, B. C.; Reubin, lives at St. Marys; Everett, lives at Calgary, Alberta; Dr. J. W., the subject of this sketch; and William Henry, at home.

Dr. J. W. Switzer was graduated from St. Marys Collegiate Institute in 1916, after which he took up the study of medicine in Toronto University, where he received his degree in June, 1921. After serving as an interne in Hamot Hospital, Erie, for one year, he was appointed chief resident physician at St. Vincent's Hospital. On Sept. 17, 1923, Dr. Switzer established his practice at Wesleyville. He is on the active surgical staff of Hamot Hospital and is New York Central railroad surgeon at Wesleyville.

Doctor Switzer is a member of the County, State and American Medical Associations. He is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose. Doctor Switzer is one of Erie County's broad minded and public spirited citizens.

Dr. Harry S. Falk, a capable physician and surgeon of Erie, who is engaged in the practice of his profession at 129 West 8th Street, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 21, 1874, and is the son of Jacob and Helene (Sultzbacher) Falk.

Jacob Falk was a native of Germany, born Dec. 8, 1831. In 1852 he came to America and after one year in New York, removed to Wilkesbarre, Pa., where he engaged in the meat business until 1895. He died there Jan. 21, 1922. His wife, also a native of Germany, was born June 17, 1835, and died Dec. 28, 1896. To Mr. and Mrs. Falk, who were married at Wilkes Barre, Pa., in 1856, were born the following children: Lewis, died at the age of 12 years; Samuel, born Feb. 6, 1863, died March 17, 1921; Matilda Levi, born April 6, 1864, lives at Wilkes Barre, Pa.; Sarah, born May 29, 1873, died April 30, 1922; and Dr. Harry S., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Harry S. Falk received his early education in the public schools of Wilkes Barre, Pa., and was graduated from Hillman Academy in 1894. He then attended the University of Pennsylvania and was graduated

from the Medico Chirurgical College of Philadelphia in 1899. After completing his internship in Philadelphia, Doctor Falk engaged in the practice of his profession at Emporium, Pa., from 1903 until 1921, at which time he removed to Erie and established his practice in the Commerce Building. The following year he removed to his present location, 129 West 8th Street. He specializes in diseases of the lungs and has taken post graduate work at White Haven Sanitarium, and also at the Trudeau School of Tuberculosis, Saranac Lake, N. Y. He served as county coroner of Cameron County, Pa., from 1912 until 1920, and during the World War was a member of the Cameron County Draft Board and chairman of the Red Cross. From 1903 to 1921 he was medical director of Pennsylvania State Department of Health and from 1908 to 1921 was physician in charge of Tuberculosis dispensary No. 8 of Pennsylvania Department of Health.

On Dec. 2, 1912, Doctor Falk was united in marriage with Miss Anna Tompowsky, a native of Syracuse, N. Y., born March 27, 1891.

In politics Doctor Falk is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Erie County Medical Society, the National Tuberculosis Association, and a director of the Anti-tuberculosis League. He is on staff of the following institutions: St. Vincent's Hospital; Erie General Dispensary; Erie Infants Home and Hospital; Louise Home for Incipient Tuberculosis; B'nai B'rith Orphanage of Erie and Grand View Sanitarium of Oil City, Pa. He is a member of the West 8th Street Temple and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Elks lodge. He is widely known and has well earned the respect and esteem of his many friends.

Dr. Charles N. Fiero is an enterprising and successful dentist of Erie, with offices at 913 Commerce Building. He was born in Fayette County, N. Y., July 18, 1887, and is a son of Oliver and Josephine (Vandemark) Fiero.

Oliver Fiero was born in New York in 1841 and for many years engaged in farming and stock raising. Later in life he engaged in the ice manufacturing business and now lives retired at Geneva, N. Y. His wife, a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., is deceased. They had six children, as follows: Edna Page, lives at Geneva, N. Y.; Percy, lives at Troy, N. Y.; Grace, lives at Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. Charles N., the subject of this sketch; Ellen Reynolds, lives at Syracuse, N. Y.; and Jay R.,

died Feb. 6, 1924. By a former marriage Mr. Fiero had three sons: Irving P., lives in Buffalo, N. Y.; George and Ollie, both deceased.

After attending the public and high schools of Geneva, N. Y., Charles N. Fiero went to Rochester, N. Y., in 1907 where he took a four years course in manual training at the Mechano Institute, being a night school student. In the meantime he worked at his trade as pattern maker, but after the completion of this course, he came to Erie in the capacity of a manual training teacher at the Academy high school. In 1916 he took up the study of dentistry at Louisville, Ky., and received his degree in 1919, after which he became associated in practice in Erie with Dr. Harley Ackerman. Since 1923 Doctor Fiero has practiced alone. He is a member of the Erie County Dental Society, of which he served as president in 1923 and he is also identified with the Lake Erie, State and American Dental Associations.

On Dec. 2, 1916, Doctor Fiero was united in marriage with Miss Louise Nick, a native of Erie, and the daughter of Fred and Anna (Brevillier) Nick, of Erie. Mr. Nick was a prominent druggist for a number of years and now lives retired. His wife is deceased. Doctor and Mrs. Fiero have two daughters: Jeanne Louise, born June 29, 1920; and Joan Brevillier, born Nov. 10, 1922.

Doctor Fiero is a Republican, a member of the Park Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Psi Omega fraternity, and the Kiwanis Club.

Dr. R. J. Sample is an enterprising young dentist of Erie and a veteran of the World War. He was born in Crawford County, Pa., March 14, 1898, and is the son of Charles F. and Sadie M. (George) Sample.

Charles F. Sample is a native of Crawford County, Pa., born in 1870 and his wife was also born in the same county. They were married in 1896 and have three children: Dr. R. J., the subject of this sketch; Harold, lives in Buffalo, N. Y.; and Merle, at home. Mr. Sample is a carpenter by trade and resides in Erie.

Dr. R. J. Sample was educated in the public and high schools of Erie and after his graduation in 1917, he volunteered for service in the World War and was sent to Philadelphia, where he was stationed with the navy. He made seven trips to France during the war and was discharged Sept. 5, 1919. The following year he entered Pittsburgh University, where he received his degree as Doctor of Dentistry in 1924. His office is

located at 730 West 18th Street and he has already met with success in his profession.

On Sept. 20, 1920, Doctor Sample was married to Miss Severna Gehrlein, of Erie, and they are well and favorably known in the community.

Dr. L. Joseph Amenta is among the enterprising and successful young dentists of Erie. He was born in Italy, Oct. 7, 1897, and is the son of Cosmos and Mary Ann (Cancilla) Amenta.

The Amenta family came to this country from Italy in 1898 and settled in New Orleans, La. In 1902 they removed to North East, Pa., where Mr. and Mrs. Amenta now reside. They had three children, of whom Dr. L. Joseph, the subject of this sketch, is the only one now living.

L. Joseph Amenta spent his boyhood at North East and after the completion of his high school course there in 1918 he entered Pennsylvania State College, and the following year became a student at the University of Pittsburgh. After two years in that institution, he studied at the University of Maryland, from which he received his degree in 1923. He has since been located in Erie and already has a well established practice. His office is at 510 West 18th Street.

Doctor Amenta is identified with the Erie County Dental Society, the Pennsylvania State Dental Society, and the American Dental Association. He is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Sons of Italy. He is also member Erie Lodge No. 67, B. P. O. Elks. Politically he is an independent voter.

Dr. James E. Condren, who ranks among the leading dentists of Erie, was born at Niagara, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1881, and is the son of Mathew and Josephine (Butler) Condren.

Mathew Condren, a native of New York, has been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. There are five children in his family, namely: William, lives in New York City; Daniel, captain of police, Buffalo, N. Y.; Dr. Francis, a dentist, lives in Chicago; James E., the subject of this sketch; and Julia, deceased.

After receiving his early education in the schools of Niagara, N. Y., James E. Condren entered the University of Buffalo, where he was graduated in 1903. Two years later he received his degree as Doctor of

Dentistry at the Philadelphia Dental College. He has since practiced his profession in Erie and has met with marked success. His office is at 1032 Peach Street. He is president of the Officers' Reserve Army Club of Erie and first lieutenant of the Reserve Army.

Doctor Condren was married April 23, 1911, to Miss Jessie Prendergast, of Erie, Pa., and they have a son, James E., born April 16, 1913.

In politics Doctor Condren is identified with the Democratic party. He is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the University Club, Yacht Club, Moose and Erie Maennerchor, and is well and favorably known in Erie.

Dr. J. Elmer Croop is a successful and well known physician and surgeon of Erie and a veteran of the World War. He was born at Nanticoke, Pa., Oct. 8, 1887, and is a son of James W. and Emma A. (Laskowski) Croop.

James W. Croop, who was engaged in the construction business at Nanticoke, was born at that place, Oct. 1, 1861. His wife was born in Germany, Dec. 7, 1862. To Mr. and Mrs. Croop, who were married on Feb. 4, 1883, three children were born: William A., lives at Nanticoke, Pa.; Ada B. Minnich, lives at Washington, Pa.; and Dr. J. Elmer, the subject of this sketch.

J. Elmer Croop was reared and educated at Nanticoke, and in 1906, after completing a high school course, he entered Bucknee University, and the following year was enrolled at Jefferson Medical College, where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1911. His interne work was done at Hamot Hospital, Erie, and in July, 1912, he engaged in the practice of his profession here. During the World War Doctor Croop volunteered for service and served throughout the entire period of the war with the United States Medical Corps. Upon his return to Erie he has since been located at 557 East 6th Street.

In 1925 Doctor Croop spent three and one-half months in Berlin, Germany, in post graduate study and observation in the various large clinics and hospitals. He is now engaged in urological and genito-urinary practice.

Doctor Croop is a Republican, a member of the Erie County, State and American Medical Associations, and belongs to the Masonic and Elks lodges. He is a representative citizen of Erie and stands high in the community.

Dr. Ralph Vail Sheldon is a successful and well known young dentist of Erie, with offices at 159 West Eighth Street. He was born at Buffalo, N. Y., March 1, 1898, and is the son of Burt H. and Veva (Vail) Sheldon.

Burt H. Sheldon, who lives at Greenville, Pa., is a native of New York, as is his wife. He was born at Hopkinton and his wife at Clyde. In early life Mr. Sheldon engaged in farming and later removed to Buffalo, where he took up mechanical engineering. He has thus been engaged for the past 20 years as chief engineer in various electric light and interurban power houses. Ralph Vail, the subject of this sketch, is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon.

When a boy Ralph Vail Sheldon removed to North Girard with his parents, where he attended high school. He attended Allegheny College for two years and is a graduate of Temple University. He has been engaged in the practice of dentistry since 1921, and located in Erie since 1923.

On Dec. 22, 1920, Dr. Sheldon was united in marriage at Philadelphia with Miss Margaret Maurer, who was born at Mt. Carmel, Pa., the daughter of Samuel and Florence (Cleaver) Maurer. Mr. Maurer died in 1901 and his wife resides in Philadelphia.

Doctor Sheldon is identified with the Erie County Dental Society, the Lake Erie Dental Association and the Erie Clinical Society. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Doctor Sheldon is an enterprising young man whose success in life is already assured.

Dr. R. H. Luke is a prominent young physician of Erie and is a veteran of the World War. He was born in North East, Pa., in 1895, and is a son of C. A. and Bertha (Berndt) Luke.

C. A. Luke, who is successfully engaged in the building business at North East, Pa., is a native of Pennsylvania. His wife was born in Germany. They have three children: Hilda Douville, lives at North East; Charles, lives at North East; and Dr. R. H., the subject of this sketch.

Dr. R. H. Luke attended the public schools of North East and was graduated from high school in 1912. In 1917 he received his degree as Doctor of Medicine at the University of Buffalo and served his internship in St. Vincent's Hospital, Erie, Pa. He has been a member of St.

Vincent's Hospital staff since 1919, and carries on a general practice at 806 Rankin Avenue, Lawrence Park, Erie. During the World War Doctor Luke served as a member of the medical corps and was stationed at Camp Wadsworth.

On Dec. 22, 1917, Doctor Luke was united in marriage with Miss Addie M. Harlacker, of York, Pa., and the daughter of Samuel and Anna Mary Harlacker. Mr. Harlacker is a well known furniture manufacturer of York, Pa. To Doctor and Mrs. Luke have been born three children: Jean H., born July 3, 1919; Florence L., born March 30, 1921; and Anna M., born Nov. 27, 1924.

Politically Doctor Luke is a Republican. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge. He is identified with the Erie County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association.

Francis E. Hyer, retired, is a veteran of the Civil War and a well known and dependable citizen of Erie County. He was born in Chenango County, N. Y., May 25, 1842, and is the son of Darius and Harriet (Burrows) Hyer.

Darius Hyer was a native of Chenango County, N. Y., born Aug. 10, 1809. His wife was born June 22, 1808. He was a pioneer miller of that section and operated a grist mill for many years. He died Nov. 4, 1865, and his wife died Dec. 1, of the same year. They were the parents of four children: Helen, married Joshua Myrick, both deceased; Julian, died in infancy; Francis E., the subject of this sketch; and Irving, who died in 1920.

Francis E. Hyer was reared and educated in Chenango County, N. Y., and at an early age engaged in the milling business with his father. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted with Company C, 114th New York Volunteer Infantry, and was in service for over three years, taking part in many important battles of the war. In 1866 Mr. Hyer came to Corry and purchased a tract of 420 acres of land in Erie County, which he improved. He became an extensive grain farmer and also engaged in stock raising. He now lives retired at 22 West Irving Street.

On Feb. 21, 1866, Mr. Hyer was married to Miss Jennie Goodrich, a native of Davenport Center, N. Y., and to this union were born two children: Lucille, born May 24, 1867, married first to Garey Wentworth, and later to Lincoln Cottrell, lives at Reno, Pa.; and Dr. Irving Goodrich Hyer,

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born May 9, 1875, married Maud Andrews, and they have a son, Glen, born Oct. 6, 1907. They reside at Clarendon, Pa. By her first marriage, Mrs. Cottrell has a daughter, Leta, married Leon Lindsley, lives at Corry. Mrs. Hyer died Oct. 21, 1919, and is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery. On Nov. 18, 1920, Mr. Hyer was married to Miss Addie Williams, who was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., June 28, 1851, and a daughter of Elijah and Sally (Coy) Williams, natives of Vermont. There were ten children in the Williams family: Charles William, Janet, Thedrow, Susan, Corlin, and Garvis, all deceased; Melissa, died March 24, 1925, in Erie County; Alonzo, deceased; Mrs. Hyer; and Leroy, deceased. Mr. Williams died Nov. 17, 1897. His wife died Feb. 12, 1878.

Politically Mr. Hyer is a Democrat. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and is a member of the Seven Day Adventist church.

Dr. C. H. Hapgood, who ranks among the leading and successful dentists of Erie, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Warren, Pa., July 4, 1887, and is the son of C. E. and Louise M. (Offerle) Hapgood.

C. E. Hapgood settled in Erie in 1893, having come here from Warren, where he had engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years. After his arrival in this city, he was associated in the floral business with Mr. Niemeyer for six years. He is now interested in the bond business with offices at 617 Parade Street. Mrs. Hapgood died at the age of 35 years and he was later married to Miss Henrietta Offerle. By his first marriage Mr. Hapgood had two children: Dr. C. H., the subject of this sketch; and Cora M., at home.

C. H. Hapgood attended the public schools of Warren and in 1911 was graduated from the dental school of the University of Pittsburgh. He was then associated in practice in Erie with Dr. James H. Kelsey for a short period. He then entered practice for himself. Upon entering the service in 1917, Doctor Hapgood was commissioned a first lieutenant and sent to Camp Dix, N. J., and later Camp Mills, L. I. On Jan. 8, 1918, he arrived in Liverpool, England, and was soon afterwards sent to France where he engaged in active service until the close of the war, taking part in the following battles and drives: Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Argonne Meuse. He was also with the army of occupation in Germany and was discharged June 19, 1919. Doctor Hapgood immediately returned to Erie and established his practice in the Palace

Hardware Building. He specializes in dental surgery and has taken several post graduate courses.

Doctor Hapgood is a Republican, a member of St. Paul's Cathedral, and belongs to the Masonic lodge, Erie Yacht Club, Lions Club, American Legion, Sons of American Revolution, and Y. M. C. A. He is identified with the Erie County, Lake Erie, Pennsylvania, and American Dental Associations. Doctor Hapgood is a substantial citizen of Erie and a progressive man in his profession.

Joseph E. Leslie, the first county controller of Erie County, was born at Panama, Chautauqua County, N. Y., May 10, 1860, and is the son of Henry W. and Mary Ett (Steward) Leslie.

The Leslie family were early settlers in Ohio, Rev. Joseph Leslie, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, having been a prominent Methodist minister during the early days. He was the presiding elder of this district in Erie County for a number of years and a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 50 years. He died in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., in 1885, and his wife died in 1918 after having reached the age of 100 years. Henry W. Leslie, their son, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, and in early life engaged in the railroading business. Later he became a Methodist minister in the Erie Conference. He was the first secretary of the Chautauqua Assembly and with his father was one of the organizers. He died at Portland, N. Y., in 1874, at the age of 36 years. The Steward family came from Herkimer County, N. Y., in 1810 and settled in Chautauqua County, N. Y. John Steward, great grandfather of Joseph E. Leslie, drove from Herkimer County in an ox cart. Mrs. Henry W. Leslie died in April, 1904, at the age of 62 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie four children were born: Joseph E., the subject of this sketch; H. J., vice president of the Second National Bank, Erie; Carrie, married George W. Rowland, superintendent of the Chautauqua Assembly and Grounds, lives at Chautauqua, N. Y.; and Jessie May Leslie, unmarried, cashier of the Chautauqua Assembly, N. Y.

Joseph E. Leslie spent most of his early life in Erie County and was educated in the public schools and Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Buffalo, N. Y. Before completing his schooling he worked for the Chautauqua Assembly and Chautauqua Lake mills at Mayville, N. Y. In 1886 he went to Fairview, Erie County, as a farmer and still owns the farm where he spent 22 years. He has served as town clerk, assessor, auditor

of Fairview Township, and served as secretary of the Erie County Poor Board for five years. In 1913 Mr. Leslie was elected the first county controller of Erie County. He is now serving his fourth term.

Mr. Leslie was married Sept. 16, 1883, to Miss Lillian E. Loop, a native of North East, Pa., and the daughter of Orange S. Loop, of an old Erie County family. They have eight children, as follows: Harry W., lives in Erie; Kate, married Clint Graham, lives at Lundy's Lane, Pa.; Frank H., lives at Meadville, Pa.; Charles H., lives at Erie; Lawrence, lives at Fairview, Pa.; Joseph E., Jr., lives at Fairview; and Fred and Lynn, both of whom live at Fairview. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie have six grandchildren. Alice, Harold, Lillian and Leslie Graham; Frances, the daughter of Frank Leslie; and Joseph Harry, the son of Joseph Leslie.

Mr. Leslie has always been a Republican and cast his first vote for James G. Blaine. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Elks lodge. Mr. Leslie is a capable officer and the trust imposed in him by the public has been faithfully carried out. His position as county controller is one of the most important offices of the county.

Dr. H. H. Foringer, resident physician of the Pennsylvania Soldiers & Sailors Home, is a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of Erie. He was born at Brady's Bend, Armstrong County, Pa., March 24, 1854, and is the son of Joseph and Hannah (Barnhart) Foringer, natives of the same county, and descendants of pioneer American families.

Obtaining his preliminary education in the district schools, H. H. Foringer subsequently attended Edinboro State Normal School. He began the study of medicine at Edinboro, in the office of Dr. S. B. Hotchkiss, after which he entered Western Reserve Medical College in Cleveland, where he was graduatd in 1883. Beginning the practice of his profession in Edinboro, in company with his old preceptor, Doctor Hotchkiss, he remained there a year and a half. He then located at Middleboro, Pa., where he established an excellent practice, remaining there until the winter of 1889. He then established his practice in Erie, where he met with success. In May, 1915, Doctor Foringer accepted his present position.

On June 11, 1885, Doctor Foringer was married to Miss Anna A. Owen, the daughter of Richard and Lorinda (Strohm) Owen, of Rouseville, Pa. They had a son, Owen H., born July 17, 1886. He attended the

School of Medicine in University of Michigan for three years for laboratory experience. He attended the University of Pittsburgh two years where he graduated in medicine, and had a well established practice in Middleboro at the time of his death, Oct. 20, 1918. He left a son, Owen H. Jr. Mrs. H. H. Foringer died April 20, 1919, and with her son is buried in Erie cemetery.

Doctor Foringer is a Republican, a member of the Park Presbyterian Church, a 32nd degree Mason, and a thoroughly capable man in his profession.

F. O. Pinks is a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Erie, where he is connected with the public schools as supervisor of penmanship. He was born at Greensburg, Ohio, Oct. 15, 1879, and is the son of Horace and Laura (Hillman) Pinks.

Horace Pinks was a native of Bristolville, Ohio, born Jan. 8, 1853, and his wife was born at Phalanx, Ohio, Oct. 14, 1856. He was a farmer all his life and died March 17, 1920. His wife lives in Painesville, Ohio, with her daughter, Jeanette. She was born April 17, 1877, and is the wife of L. J. Spaulding, county auditor, who lives at Painesville, Ohio.

F. O. Pinks received his early education in the public schools of Windsor, Ohio, and was graduated from high school there in 1898, and from Bryant & Stratton Business College, Warren, Ohio, in 1900. The following year he completed a course at Zanerin Art College, Columbus, Ohio, and then became a member of the faculty at Warren Business School, where he remained until 1907. From that time until 1910 he was connected with the Lackawanna Commercial School at Scranton, Pa., after which he spent three years in Malden High School, Massachusetts, where he specialized in penmanship. He then came to Erie and taught shorthand at Central High School and later at Academy High School, as well as penmanship. In 1921 he was appointed supervisor of penmanship in the grade schools of the city. Mr. Pinks obtained a leave of absence in 1917 and studied cartooning at Kalamazoo, Mich. He is also a short story writer for various well known magazines. Mr. Pinks has prepared and written five complete lessons in penmanship, which are used by the A. N. Palmer Company and known as the American Penman.

On Aug. 29, 1907, Mr. Pinks was united in marriage with Miss Bessie Jane Snyder, of Orangeville, Ohio, born Dec. 1, 1883, a sketch of whose family history appears below. Mr. and Mrs. Pinks have two chil-

dren: Richard C., born at Orangeville, Ohio, Oct. 19, 1909; and Julia Jane, born at Orangeville, Ohio, Oct. 13, 1915.

George Snyder, grandfather of Bessie Jane (Snyder) Pinks, was born at Mahatonca, Dauphin County, Pa., March 9, 1799. His father, Thomas Snyder, died when he was about four years of age and he was raised by his maternal grandfather, John Kepner, until he was 14 years of age, when he went to Harrisburg, Pa., to learn the trade of a cabinetmaker. Although in a school room but three days in his life, he acquired a fair education. He came on foot to Hartford, Ohio, in 1817, and purchased 70 acres of land from his uncle, John Kepner, in lot nine, near Messersmith's Corners, for the consideration of $300, on which he immediately built a house. When he was only 19 years of age he married Elizabeth Carnes, daughter of Godfrey Carnes, a Revolutionary soldier and pioneer of Mercer County, Pa. Here he erected a shop and was the first cabinetmaker in the township; also working at the carpenter business part of the time for some years. Their children, all born on this farm, were Mary, Margaret, Jane, Ruhama, James, A. C., Uriah, and George W.

In October, 1835, he purchased an addition of two hundred and thirty-seven acres of land lying east of his original purchase, for the consideration of $1,513. On this land he erected a saw-mill, which was run by water for 20 years, when he purchased an engine and ran the mill by steam until 1858, when he sold the mill and 79 acres of this land to his son, James, and the remainder of this tract to his sons, Uriah and Cornelius Snyder, and in 1861 sold his old home of 70 acres, where he first settled, to Benjamin Messersmith, and removed to the center of the township, purchasing the store and property formerly owned by G. L. Woodford, where he resided for a time, and carried on a grocery store. This property he sold to Dr. Daniel Artherholt, and removed to Brookfield Township, where he resided for a time, but being afflicted with paralysis, he sold his Brookfield property to his son, George, spending the remainder of his days with his children, dying March 8, 1880, at the age of 81 years. Mrs. Snyder was born in 1795 and died June 6, 1859, at the age of 64 years.

George W. Snyder, the youngest son, was born Sept. 22, 1839. He spent his early life on his father's farm, and attended district school till he had reached the age of 18 years. He then spent three years in Hartford Academy, and one term in Folsom's Commercial College, Cleve-

land. He began the study of law in Hartford, and in the office of L. C. Jones, now of Warren. He enlisted under the first call for volunteers in 1861, being the first man in Hartford to offer his services, but the quota having been filled, he, like many others, was discharged without being mustered in. In 1862 he again enlisted in the 84th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served with that regiment four months. In 1867 Mr. Snyder was admitted to the bar and opened an office in Orangeville. He was elected mayor of the village five successive times, and served as postmaster. Though his entire family belonged to the Democratic party, Mr. Snyder, in 1860, cast his first vote for Lincoln, and has been an active Republican ever since. He has been a member of every county convention and several state conventions since attaining his majority. He married in 1871, Julia A. Wilson, daughter of Nathaniel Wilson, of Orangeville. Both reside in that place. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have four children: Sharlie Lucy, born Feb. 3, 1876, died Sept. 5, 1897; Vera, born Oct. 29, 1879, married L. H. Burr, of Erie; Blaine C., born June 14, 1881, married Agnes McFarland, lives at Orangeville, Ohio; and Mrs. Pinks.

In politics Mr. Pinks is identified with the Republican party and he and his wife hold membership in the Unitarian church. He is a member of the Masonic lodge.

Matthew Henry Taylor was born May 2, 1847, in Huntingdon, Pa., and died March 7, 1923, at Atlantic City, N. J. He was a son of Judge George Taylor of Huntingdon and his wife, Priscilla Moore Taylor.

He went to work at 16 for the Pennsylvania Railroad as timekeeper in the shops at Altoona, Pa. He came to Erie in 1866 as paymaster under Colonel J. J. Lawrence, Superintendent of the Erie & Pittsburg Railroad Company. When W. L. Scott and Milton Courtright, who had built the Erie & Pittsburg Railroad, began the construction of the Canada Southern Railroad in Canada, he went to St. Thomas, Ontario, as treasurer of that road in 1869.

When the Canada Southern was sold to the New York Central, he came to Erie in 1881 to be treasurer and later president of the Youghiogheny River Coal Company, which company became in 1899 one of the basic properties in the Pittsburgh Coal Company. From 1897 he was president of the W. L. Scott Company, which mined and handled a large part of the anthracite coal of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, until 1905, when

the Railroad Company took over all leases. That year he formed and became President of the Pittsburg & Erie Coal Company. In 1906 he became president of the Pittsburgh Coal Company and its chairman in 1907.

He was a member of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church. He was a president and director of the Hamot Hospital.

At the time of his death he was chairman of the Pittsburgh Coal Company; president of the Montour Railroad Company; director of the Pittsburgh Coal Company of Wisconsin, Erie & Pittsburg Railroad Company, Second National Bank of Erie, Pa., Pittsburg & Erie Coal Company.

He was married Dec. 19, 1872, in Pittsburgh, to Clara Anderson Burton, who survived him. He left also a son, George B. Taylor, of Erie; two daughters, Mrs. James Carstairs of Ardmore, Pa., and Mrs. Walton Ferguson, Jr., of Stamford, Conn.; a granddaughter, Priscilla Moore Carstairs; and two grandsons, Walton Ferguson III and Matthew Henry Taylor Ferguson.

William Benson Walling, one of the well known and successful attorneys of Erie, is a son of Judge Emory A. and Grace E. (Marshall) Walling. He was born at North East, Feb. 12, 1881.

Judge Emory A. Walling was born in Erie County, June 11, 1854, and is the son of Thomas and Laura Ann (Eliott) Walling. His educational training was obtained in the public schools, Edinboro State Normal School, and the Lake Shore Seminary of North East. In 1878 he successfully took the Pennsylvania bar examination and began professional work in Erie, there gaining a degree of legal prominence and public favor that resulted in his election as district attorney of Erie County. He filled this position from 1881 to 1884, and in the latter year was elected to represent his district in the Pennsylvania State Senate, there serving a four year term, and at its close returning to private practice. From 1897 until 1916 he was President Judge of the Sixth Judicial District Court of Pennsylvania, on Jan. 3, 1916, ascending to the State's highest tribunal, as Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Judge Walling is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church.

William Benson Walling was educated in the public schools in Erie and was graduated from Erie High School in 1899. He then entered Stanford University from which he was graduated in 1903. He then read law in the office of T. A. Lamb, Erie, and was admitted to the bar

in 1907. He has since engaged in the practice of law in Erie, and his office is located at 25 East 8th Street.

In 1909 Mr. Walling was married to Miss Anna M. Bostwick, of Erie, the daughter of Charles F. and Henrietta (Riblet) Bostwick. The Riblets were one of the pioneer families of Erie County, having settled here in 1806. Mr. and Mrs. Walling have three children: Henrietta, a student at Gridley High School; Ellen, a student at Gridley High School; and Jean Kirkpatrick, who attends kindergarten.

Mr. Walling is a Republican, a member of the University club and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is secretary of the Optimist club and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

Rev. Goran E. Forsberg, pastor of the Swedish Bethany Lutheran Church, is among Erie's highly esteemed and well known citizens. He was born in Sweden, Oct. 22, 1858, and is the son of Per and Anna Regina (Larson) Forsberg.

Per Forsberg was a railroad builder in Sweden and came to this country in 1880, where he lived retired. He died April 4, 1895, and his wife died March 18, 1906. They are buried at Assaria, Kan. They were the parents of the following children: Goran E., the subject of this sketch; Nels M., lives at Lindsborg, Kan.; M. A., lives at Marquette, Kan.; August, lives at Roxburry, Kan.; and three others who are deceased.

Rev. Goran E. Forsberg spent his boyhood in his native land and received his education at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan., and was a student at Augustana College and the Theological Seminary at Rock Island. He was ordained to the ministry in the Augustana Synod, June 16, 1889, and his first appointment was the Swedish Lutheran Emanuel Church at North Grosvenor Dale, Conn., where he remained until May 1, 1905. He has since been located in Erie.

Reverend Forsberg has served as treasurer of the New York Conference 14 years and as president of the Mission Districts 15 years. He has

been a member of the Mission Board for 30 years and editor in chief of the church paper 15 years. On June 1, 1921, Reverend Forsberg received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Upsala College and Bethany College.

Philip H. Hartman, superintendent of the Board of Fish Commissioners of Erie, in charge of all local hatcheries, is a native of Erie. He was born March 17, 1873, and is the son of Philip and Mary (Uthe) Hartman.

Philip Hartman was a well known resident of this city and was a stone and brick contractor.

Philip H. Hartman grew up in this city and attended the public schools. He learned the machinist and boilermaker trades, at which he worked for seven years. He then engaged in fishing on the lakes for 10 years and in 1903 was appointed to his present position, which he has filled in a most capable and efficient manner.

The Erie Hatchery is among the finest hatcheries in the country. It is located on Presque Bay and has a capacity of half a billion fish yearly. Eggs are gathered by a large corps of men and the following fish are hatched here in abundant numbers: white fish, cisco, perch, pike and blue pike.

On Sept. 5, 1905, Mr. Hartman was married to Miss Magdalene Stubbs, of Erie, and the daughter of the late Joseph and Christine (Aichle) Stubbs. They have a daughter, Agnes Elizabeth, born July 16, 1906.

Joseph Stubbs was a fearless figure on the Great Lakes during the early days. He went with Captain Gridley on his famous trip, known as his North Pole Expedition.

Mr. Hartman is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church. He is a citizen of material worth to his community.

Franklin P. Kincade, a progressive and enterprising business man of Erie, who is connected with the Stirling Brothers Company as sales manager, was born at Fortville, Ind., July 8, 1890, and is a son of Amos and Myrtle (Hawkins) Kincade. Mr. and Mrs. Kincade now live retired at Anderson, Ind. He was a farmer during his active career.

Franklin P. Kincade grew up on his father's farm and attended the rural schools and Anderson (Ind.) High School, from which he was graduated in 1907. He then entered the automobile business with the Maxwell-

Briscoe Automobile Company, at New Castle, Ind., with whom he remained two years. From 1909 until 1914 he was connected with the Overland factory at Indianapolis and later with the American Motor Company in that city. At the outbreak of the World War Mr. Kincade enlisted in the Officers Training School in August, 1917, and was sent to Fort Niagara, N. Y., where he was commissioned a first lieutenant. He was then transferred to the 90th Division at Camp Travis, Tex., and later sent to Kelley Field, where he served with the air service for three months. He was then assigned to the aerial division at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass. At the time of his discharge, Dec. 26, 1918, Mr. Kincade was assistant engineering officer at the Speedway in Indiana. The following year was spent with the Stirling Brothers Company in Erie, after which he became district representative in southern territory for the Chandler Automobile Company. Since 1920 Mr. Kincade has been sales manager for Stirling Brothers Company, Dodge representatives in Erie for 11 years. This company sells approximately 400 cars annually and is among the well known automobile firms of the city.

On Jan. 2, 1915, Mr. Kincade was united in marriage with Miss Hazel S. Dietly of Erie, and they have four children: Franklin D., Mary Jane, Russell, and Thomas A.

Mr. Kincade is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge, Zem Zem Temple and Shrine.

Milan D. Fletcher, who is successfully engaged in the real estate business, is among Erie's representative citizens. He was born at Trumbull, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1864, and is the son of William and Betsey (Murphey) Fletcher.

William Fletcher was a native of Sandy Creek, N. Y., and his wife was born at Thompson, Ohio. He was a farmer during his life and met with success. He died in June, 1899, and his wife died in January, 1915. They had two children: Milan D., the subject of this sketch; and Walter E., lives at Rock Creek, Ohio.

Milan D. Fletcher attended the public schools of his native town and was also a student at New Lyme, Ohio. At the age of 18 years he became a telegraph operator for the New York Central Railroad and after six years became the proprietor of the Erie Shorthand & Business College. Two years later he engaged in the brokerage business at Erie, and was

thus engaged from 1893 until 1907. He then served as secretary and treasurer of the Williams Tool Company until 1916, and was also a director of the company. Since 1916 Mr. Fletcher has been interested in the real estate business. He has been a director of the Peoples Bank & Trust Company since 1912 and also a director of the Y. M. C. A. since that time.

On June 20, 1893, Mr. Fletcher was united in marriage with Miss Maud Boor, of Sherwood, Ohio the daughter of Emanuel and Martha (VanBuskirk) Boor, deceased. Mr. Boor died in 1889 and his wife died in 1902. To Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher a son was born, Milan Paul Fletcher, deceased.

Milan Paul Fletcher was born in Erie, Jan. 23, 1898. He was educated in the public schools of Erie and after completing his high school course in 1916, he entered the University of Michigan. At the outbreak of the World War he volunteered for service and was accepted by the Naval Aviation Service and trained at Massachusetts School of Technology and also at Miami, Fla. At the close of the war he was patrolling for German submarines. At the time of his death he was in command of Headquarters Company of Pennsylvania National Guards at Erie. He died of pneumonia, Oct. 9, 1923.

Milan D. Fletcher is a Republican, a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, a 32nd degree Mason and Knight Templar, and a member of the Y. M. C. A. He has served as trustee of his church since 1913. Mr. Fletcher is a citizen who is at all times ready to support the best interests of the community.

John J. Williams, commander of the American Legion Post LaBaron No. 237, Union City, is a veteran of the World War and one of Erie County's prominent young men. He was born in Warren County, Pa., June 29, 1898, and is the son of Jared and Elizabeth (Patterson) Williams.

Jared Williams and his wife were born in Warren County, Pa. He engaged in general farming and stock raising during his life and was also extensively interested in the raising of bees. He died April 26, 1914, and his wife resides in Corry. John J., the subject of this sketch, is their only child.

After completing his early education, John J. Williams studied mechanical engineering. On April 13, 1917, he enlisted for service during the World War and was sent to Camp Hancock, Ga., as a member of Company A, 16th Pennsylvania National Guard, which was later known as

the 112th Infantry. Mr. Williams was sent overseas and took part in many important engagements of the war, including the battle of Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, Vesel River and the Argonne. While in service he was severely gassed. He was discharged May 7, 1919. He then returned to Union City where he was interested in the manufacture of furniture. On May 12, 1924, he entered the employ of the E. L. Smith & Company, grain and coal dealers.

Mr. Williams is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was elected commander of the local post of the American Legion on Jan. 1, 1925. Mr. Williams is favorably known throughout the community and has many friends.

Zachary Taylor Brindley is well and favorably known in Erie, where he has always taken an active part in the industrial development of the city. He is a native of Erie County, N. Y., having been born at Boston, Sept. 2, 1849, the son of George and Cynthia Ann (Burt) Brindley.

George Brindley was born in England and his wife in Franklin County, N. Y. He was a blacksmith in early life and later was supervisor of Township Boston, N. Y., and Associate Judge of Erie County, N. Y. He also followed general farming for a number of years. He died in 1891 and his wife died in 1878. They are buried at Eden Centre, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Brindley were the parents of the following children: Cynthia, Henry, Ozias, George and Robert, all deceased; and Zachary Taylor, the subject of this sketch.

After attending the district schools of Erie County, N. Y., Zachary Taylor Brindley began his business career in the employ of the American Express Company at Erie in 1870. He remained there until 1891, at which time he entered the manufacturing business and in 1908 he became connected with the Erie Lumber Company with Daniel G. Curtis. This is among the leading business enterprises of the city and does a large volume of business.

On Jan. 6, 1876, Mr. Brindley was united in marriage with Miss Nelly May Gillen, a native of this city, and the daughter of Henry and Jane L. (Poor) Gillen, natives of Pennsylvania, and both now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Brindley was born a son, Gillen Brindley, who died in 1881.

Mr. Brindley is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and is identified with the Masonic lodge, Tyrian No. 362, Temple Chapter

No. 215, Presque Isle Lodge Perfection, Erie Council, Erie Chapter, Erie Consistory, Keystone Council Royal Arcanum. He was president of the Board of Trade; president of the Manufacturer's Association; president of the Inter-Church Federation; president of the Board of Trustees 1st M. E. Church; a director of the Peoples Bank & Trust Company; director of the Rickert-Shafer Mfg. Co.; and a director of the Community Savings & Loan Association. He is a Democrat and a man highly esteemed in his community as a valued citizen.

Charles Jarecki, a well known and highly respected citizen of Erie, who is connected with the Jarecki Manufacturing Company, as manager of the foundry department, is a native of Erie. He was born June 26, 1869, and is a son of Theodore and Marie (Becker) Jarecki.

Theodore Jarecki was a native of Posen, Prussia, and his wife was born at Essingen, Germany. They were early settlers of Erie, where Mr. Jarecki became associated with Philip Becker, being a partner in the grocery firm of P. A. Becker & Company. He was later associated with the Jarecki Manufacturing Company as an accountant. He died May 6, 1888, and his wife died, Feb. 8, 1920. They had two children: Charles, the subject of this sketch; and Louise K., the wife of T. R. Palmer, and she lives in Erie.

Charles Jarecki attended the public and high schools of Erie and since 1887 has been identified with the Jarecki Manufacturing Company, entering their employ as a time-keeper in the foundry department, of which he is now manager.

Mr. Jarecki is a Republican, and a member of the Erie and Kahkwa clubs. He is unmarried.

Charles H. Henderson, a well known business man of Corry, was born in New York City, April 19, 1861, and is the son of Charles Henderson. Charles Henderson, deceased, came to this country from England when a young boy and spent the remainder of his life in New York City. Charles H., the subject of this sketch, was the only child.

Charles H. Henderson received his education in the public schools of New York City and began life as a music teacher. In 1901 he came to Pennsylvania and settled in Warren County. His first enterprise was a music store at Warren and he later established a chain of stores at Titusville, Corry, and other points in the state. After several years he

removed to Corry and devoted his entire time to his store here, selling his other holdings in the state. Mr. Henderson sells pianos, player pianos, victrolas, sheet music, etc., and his business is known as the C. H. Henderson Piano Company.

Mr. Henderson was married to Miss Julia Rawley, of New York City, and now deceased. He was later married to Mrs. Ida Hower, a native of Oil City, Pa.

Politically, Mr. Henderson is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and is affiliated with the following lodges: Corry Lodge No. 365, F. & A. M.; Coudersport Lodge of Perfection; is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Coudersport Consistory A. A. S. R.; Jonathan Lodge No. 685, I. O. O. F., Corry; Corry Encampment No. 241; and Corry Lodge No. 87, L. O. O. M. Mr. Henderson is an enterprising and progressive citizen and is well and favorably known in Erie County.

Ira D. McQuistion is well and favorably known in Erie, where he is associated with the insurance business of Leo Schlaudecker Company. He was born at Edinburg, Clarion County, Pa., Jan. 1, 1878, and is the son of Albert Barnes and Fidelia (Morrison) McQuistion.

Albert Barnes McQuistion, a native of Pennsylvania, was interested in the oil producing business throughout his entire life. He died in 1895 and his wife died in 1913. They had three children: Mrs. George A. Zillafro and Mrs. Elmer Bliss, both of whom reside at Bradford, Pa.; and Ira D., the subject of this sketch.

Ira D. McQuistion attended the schools of Rixford, in McKean County, Pa., and is a graduate of Smethport (Pa.) High School and Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa. He has engaged in the insurance business since 1900, at that time being associated with the Buffalo Association of Fire Underwriters. In 1904 he came to Erie and from that year until December, 1915, served as district secretary of the Underwriters' Association, Middle Department. In January, 1916, Mr. McQuistion became identified with the Leo Schlaudecker Company and is now serving as secretary, treasurer and general manager. This is the largest general insurance agency in Northwestern Pennsylvania and has offices at 25 East Eighth Street. Mr. McQuistion is also president and director of the Community Savings & Loan Company, Erie.

On April 21, 1917, Mr. McQuistion was united in marriage with Miss Joan Silliman of Titusville, Pa., and the daughter of John Alcorn and

Elizabeth (Herfurd) Silliman, natives of Crawford County, Pa. Mr. Silliman died Sept. 15, 1896, and his wife's death occurred five days later. Mr. and Mrs. McQuistion have no children.

Mr. McQuistion is a Republican, a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a 32nd degree Mason and belongs to the Knight Templars, Shrine, Elks, Kahkwa, University, and Erie Yacht Clubs. He is esteemed as one of the progressive citizens of Erie.

Thomas S. Woodruff, of Girard, is one of the widely known and successful attorneys of Erie County. He was born in Girard, Nov. 5, 1848, and is the son of Hon. Samuel E. and Eliza (Sterrett) Woodruff.

Hon. Samuel E. Woodruff was born at North Coventry, Conn., March 31, 1817, and died at his residence in Erie, April 15, 1881. His father, Rev. Ephraim T. Woodruff, was a Presbyterian minister and a nephew of Governor Treadwell, through whose kind offices he received his collegiate training at Yale University and Andover Seminary. His mother, Sally Alden, was a lineal descendant of Capt. John Alden. He removed with his parents to Trumbull County, Ohio, where he remained until 16, when he entered Hamilton College, New York. He subsequently studied law in Cincinnati, and was admitted to practice in 1841 by an examining committee, of which Hon. S. P. Chase and Judge Walker were members.

Locating at Girard in 1844, he applied himself to the practice of his profession. In 1853 he was elected district attorney of Erie County and in 1867, upon nomination of Chief Justice Chase, he received the appointment of register in bankruptcy, which position he held until the repeal of the bankrupt law. In 1870 he was the unanimous nominee of his party in Erie County at the primary election for president judge of the Sixth Judicial District. In 1872 he changed his residence from Girard to Erie and thereafter gave special attention to the increasing demands of his profession. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church and a stanch Republican. His wife died May 22, 1912, and they are buried in the Girard Cemetery.

To Samuel E. and Eliza (Sterrett) Woodruff were born three children: Mary, who died May 1, 1925, was the wife of Joseph Johnston of Erie; Sarah Hayes Woodruff, who died December 8, 1924; and Thomas S., the subject of this sketch.

Thomas S. Woodruff received his early education in the schools of Erie County and after his graduation from Ann Arbor(Mich.) Prepara-

tory School, he entered Cornell University, where he received his degree in law. He has succeeded to his father's extensive law practice in Erie County and is widely known as an efficient and reliable member of his community.

Mr. Woodruff is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a charter member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Dr. Garner P. Spaulding, who has practiced his profession at Albion for almost 25 years with honor and exceptional ability, is one of Erie County's broad-minded and public-spirited citizens. He was born in Albion, Sept. 2, 1871, and is the son of George W. and Helen Josephine (Palmer) Spaulding. The Palmer family are noted for their longevity. Doctor Spaulding's grandfather lived to be 99 years and nine months old; his great-grandfather was 112 and his great-great-grandfather 115 years old at the time of his death.

George W. Spaulding was born in Conneaut Township, Erie County, the son of Jonathan Spaulding, who came to this county from Massachusetts in 1754, being the first white settler of this section. George W. Spaulding served throughout the Civil War with Company A, 145th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was a prosperous farmer of Erie County and lived at Albion from 1898 until his death in 1918. To Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding were born three children: Mrs. Florence Roberts, lives with her mother at Albion; Dr. Garner P., the subject of this sketch; and Nellie, married C. M. Barnes, a dentist of Albion.

Dr. Garner P. Spaulding received his early education in the schools of Albion and attended Edinboro State Normal School. After teaching school for a time he took up the study of medicine at Ohio State University, from which he received his degree in 1901. Since that time he has practiced his profession continuously at Albion.

On June 26, 1901, Dr. Spaulding was united in marriage with Miss Ora L. Salisbury, a native of Albion, and a daughter of L. H. and Adelaide (Morris) Salisbury, both deceased. Mr. Salisbury was a pioneer merchant of this place and died in 1916. His wife died the following year. Dr. and Mrs. Spaulding have a daughter, Helen A., who lives at home. She was graduated from Syracuse University in 1924.

Doctor Spaulding is a Republican, a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is widely known in Erie County and has well earned the respect and esteem of his many friends.

DR. G. P. SPAULDING

GEORGE W. SPAULDING

V. Carl Snyder, manager of the Brown-Jones Drug Company, is a well known citizen of Erie. He was born at Springfield, N. Y., Sept. 20, 1892, and is a son of Clark and Eunice (Sheldon) Snyder.

Clark Snyder, who resides at Utica, N. Y., was born at Springfield. For the past 42 years he has been a traveling salesman, selling farm implements. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have five children, as follows: Edwin, a retired army officer, lives at Omaha, Neb., Emma Quinn, lives at Utica, N. Y.; Lewis, lives at Erie, where he is associated with the Adams & Streuber Company; Earl, lives at Rochester, N. Y., where he is connected with the General Electric Company; and V. Carl, the subject of this sketch.

After attending the public schools of Utica, V. Carl Snyder entered the University of Buffalo. His first position was in Erie with the Adams & Streuber Company, in whose employ he remained until Sept. 15, 1923, at which time he was appointed manager of the Brown-Jones Drug Company, wholesale druggists.

On Dec. 5, 1917, Mr. Snyder was married at Newburgh, N. Y., to Miss Irene Schumacher. They have one child, Marjorie Anne, born April 26, 1923.

Mr. Snyder is a Republican, a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Utica, N. Y., and belongs to the Masonic, Elks, and Eagle lodges. He stands well in the esteem of his many friends and acquaintances.

Leo P. Schlaudecker, deceased, was a prominent citizen and successful man of Erie, where he was born, Aug. 30, 1872, the son of Frank and Catherine Schlaudecker.

Both Frank Schlaudecker and his wife were natives of Reihlsheim, Germany. They settled in Erie in 1872, where he successfully engaged in the insurance business until his death in 1920. He served as internal revenue collector under President Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Schlaudecker, now deceased, were the parents of four sons: Edward, Cornelius, and Julius, all deceased; and Leo P., the subject of this sketch.

After completing his education in the public and parochial schools of this city, Leo P. Schlaudecker began his career in the bicycle business. At an early age he became interested in insurance and built up one of the most extensive agencies in this part of the state.

Mr. Schlaudecker was married in Pittsburgh, in 1917 to Miss Anne Murphy, a native of Erie, and the daughter of D. P. and Mary H. Murphy.

D. P. Murphy resides in this city. His wife is deceased. Mr. Leo Schlaudecker died April 23, 1924 and left to survive him Anne M., his wife, and a daughter, Betty Anne, born in this city, April 17, 1919.

Mr. Schlaudecker was a life long member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and identified with the Erie, Kahkwa, Erie Yacht Clubs, and Elks and Eagles. He was highly esteemed and widely known in the community.

C. V. Faulkner is well known in Erie as a progressive business man. He is engaged in the insurance and real estate business. He was born at Waterford, Pa., June 12, 1868, and is the son of Dr. William and Elizabeth (Vincent) Faulkner.

Dr. William Faulkner was born in Erie County in 1819, and was the son of Dr. Peter Faulkner, pioneer physician of Erie. Peter Faulkner practiced medicine for many years at his home, which was located on the corner of French and 8th Street. He died at the age of 85 years and is buried in Erie cemetery. His son, William, practiced his profession throughout Erie County and for a number of years resided at Waterford, Pa. He served throughout the Civil War and died in 1888. His wife, who died in 1901, was also a member of a prominent pioneer family of Erie County. Dr. and Mrs. Faulkner had one son, C. V., the subject of this sketch.

C. V. Faulkner was a student in the public schools of Erie and also attended Erie Academy. When a young man he entered the employ of Charles H. Strong, and after two years became connected with the Erie Gas Company, where he served as bookkeeper for 15 years. After various business undertakings Mr. Faulkner formed a partnership with the T. M. Hemphill Company, in April, 1924. They deal in real estate and general insurance and carry on a large volume of business.

In 1893, Mr. Faulkner was married to Miss Laura L. Palmer, of Erie, a daughter of Horace A. Palmer, a prominent pioneer manufacturer of Erie. She died in January, 1895, leaving a daughter, Leonore, who married Addison Gerbracht, of Erie. On Sept. 27, 1899, Mr. Faulkner married Miss Kate M. Brindle, of Erie, the daughter of Samuel Brindle. To this union three children were born: Marion, born July 6, 1900; Adella Ruth, born Jan. 10, 1905, a teacher; and Jessie, born in March, 1913, died in infancy.

Mr. Faulkner is identified with the Republican party in politics. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church, and are highly esteemed.

Howard H. Denison, superintendent of schools in Union City, is among the well known and substantial citizens of Erie County. He was born at Linesville, Pa., June 14, 1888, and is a son of Hatfield and Catherine (Teats) Denison.

HOWARD H. DENISON.

Hatfield Denison was among the early settlers of Linesville, having come here from New Jersey. He engaged in general farming and stock raising and owned 125 acres of land. He was a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belonged to the Masonic lodge. He died in April, 1905, and his wife died in 1916. They had three children: Mollie, married Samuel Limbert, deceased, later married Charles Westland, lives in Harmonsburg, Pa.; Ross, deceased; and Howard H., the subject of this sketch.

Howard H. Denison was educated in the schools of Linesville, and is a graduate of Allegheny College. He began his career as a teacher at Harmonsburg, and the following year was appointed assistant superintendent of schools at Linesville. He later served as principal of Edinboro State Normal School for six years, and in 1919 came to Erie County to accept his present position in Union City. During the summer months Mr. Denison conducts a summer hotel at Conneaut Lake which he owns.

In June, 1914, Mr. Denison was married to Miss Grace Lindsley of Harmonsburg, Pa., and a daughter of Frank and Stella Lindsley, who are the parents of the following children: Florence, deceased; Fred, with the Ford Motor Company, Detroit; Mrs. Denison; and Helen, married Doctor Patterson, Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsley reside at Harmonsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Denison have two children: Donald, born Dec. 17, 1915; and Helen, born Nov. 7, 1922.

Mr. Denison holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and is a 32nd degree Mason.

Miss Mary Walsh, of the J. F. Walsh Printing Company, Erie, Pa., was born in Schenectady, N. Y., and is the daughter of Joseph F. and Mary (Nolan) Walsh.

Miss Mary Walsh attended the public schools of Schenectady, N. Y., and Erie, Pa., and after her graduation from high school in 1918 she became associated in business with her father.

Miss Walsh is identified with the Republican party. She is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Women's Club.

William H. Lander is a well known and substantial citizen of Erie, Pa., and was born in Erie in 1868, the son of Charles H. and Caroline (Stephens) Lander. He was reared and educated in Erie, Pa., having attended the public schools and Clark's College. His first business connection was with the Brown Folding Machine Company, where he remained for three years. Then he left Erie and became interested in the advertising business and other commercial lines, traveling extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico, for ten years or more. His last work as a commercial salesman was in the interest of the Erie Tool Works.

In 1908, Mr. Lander was married to Miss Katherine Gloth, the daughter of Henry H. and Sophia (Flickinger) Gloth of Erie. Mrs. Lander is a

graduate of Cornell University and was a teacher in Erie Central High School before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Lander have one son, William H., Jr., who was born in 1910. Desiring to bear his share in the responsibility of rearing this child, Mr. Lander decided to give up the road life.

He became a member of Erie's Tax Revision Board of Assessors for two years. After this he engaged in the real estate business, being connected with the Franklin Real Estate Company, which is located at 1110 Parade Street.

Mr. Lander has enjoyed some reputation as an amateur gardener. Several times his flower and vegetable garden at Seventh and Parade streets, received prizes.

In politics he has been a life long Republican. He is a member of Park Presbyterian Church, where he is one of the staff of ushers. For the past six years his residence has been at 716 West 10th Street.

Mr. Lander is a highly respected citizen of his community and is always interested in the welfare of Erie.

Fred M. Elber is well and favorably known in Erie, where he is identified with the Gem City Tire Company. He was born in this city, May 17, 1889, and is the son of John F. and Louisa M. (Karle) Elber.

John F. Elber was born in Newark, N. J., May 9, 1856, the son of Frederick and Bertha (Swartz) Elber, natives of Germany. His parents came to America in 1850 and settled in Newark. They removed to Erie in 1858. After working at the printer's and machinist's trades for a number of years, Mr. Elber engaged in the restaurant business in Erie in 1884 and met with success. At the time of his death in 1906 he was conducting a restaurant at Ninth and State Streets. His wife, a native of Erie, died in 1920, and with her husband is buried in Trinity cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Elber were the parents of seven children: Mrs. Elenora Ertell, lives in Cleveland; Mrs. Henrietta Straub, lives in Erie; Mrs. Frances Hartleb, lives in Erie; Fred M., the subject of this sketch; Othmar F., lives in Cleveland; Angela and Gertrude B., both deceased.

Fred M. Elber attended the public schools of Erie and at the age of 15 years was employed as an office boy by the Malleable Iron Works. After taking a business course he went to Buffalo, N. Y., where he was connected with the Lake Erie Traction Company and the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1915 Mr. Elber formed a partnership with C. A. Mook, and they now conduct the Gem City Tire Company, which is located at 219 West 11th

Street. They are first class mechanics and besides doing general repair work, also carry a complete line of accessories and tires.

On Oct. 12, 1914, Mr. Elber was united in marriage with Miss Rose Mehler, of Erie, and the daughter of Edward and Mary Mehler, residents of Erie. Mr. Mehler is well known in this city as the owner of the Mehler Bottling Works. To Mr. and Mrs. Elber have been born five children, as follows: Betty, born Sept. 26, 1916; Frances, born May 26, 1918; Rose, born Dec, 6, 1920; Georgia, born Nov. 2, 1921; and Frederick, born Nov. 1, 1923.

Mr. Elber is a member of St. George's Church and belongs to the Elks Lodge and the Erie Maennerchor. He is one of the enterprising men of his community.

George Zachos, owner and proprietor of Zachos & Company, confectioners, ranks among Erie's progressive and successful business men. He was born in Greece, Feb. 26, 1881, and is the son of John and Anna (Calcarahlos) Zachos.

John Zachos, who now lives retired in Sparta, Greece, was a farmer during his active career. He is now 81 years of age. His wife died in 1896 at the age of 43 years. There were five children, of whom George, the subject of this sketch, is the oldest. A sister, Mary N. Pappas, lives in Erie and is a partner in the candy business established by her brother.

After spending his boyhood in his native land, George Zachos came to America in 1896. He has always been interested in the candy business and in April, 1919, purchased a business in Erie, located at 1318 Turnpike Street. He sold this in August, 1924, and purchased his present location in December, 1922. Mr. Zachos is well known in Erie, and his candies and refreshments are of the highest quality and the service is unexcelled. The store is located at 908 State Street.

Politically, Mr. Zachos is a Republican. He is a member of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Howard W. Gandy is one of Erie's popular and successful young business men and the proprietor of Gandy's Oyster House. He was born at Fairton, N. J., Dec. 3, 1890, and is the son of J. A. and Abigail (Williams) Gandy.

J. A. Gandy, also a native of New Jersey, was born in 1865. In early life he engaged in farming but later became interested in the oyster busi-

ness and for a number of years conducted a popular sea food house at Jamestown, N. Y. He now lives retired. Mr. and Mrs. Gandy have four children, of whom Howard W., the subject of this sketch, is the oldest.

Howard W. Gandy was reared and educated in New Jersey and when a young man engaged in business with his father. He held a government position for several years in the motor transport, and in 1919 engaged in business with his brother, LeRoy, at Buffalo, N. Y. In September, 1922, Mr. Gandy came to Erie and established his present business at 1026 Peach Street. High grade sea foods are served exclusively and Mr. Gandy has a large patronage.

On Sept. 14, 1912, Mr. Gandy was united in marriage with Miss Myrtie Nichols, also a native of Fairton, N. J. They have one daughter, Martha, a student.

Mr. Gandy is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church.

Charles Stewart Brennan, a reliable citizen and popular business man of Albion, was born at Conneautville, Crawford County, Pa., May 21, 1889, and is the son of James and Rosetta (Stewart) Brennan.

James Brennan, a native of Crawford County, Pa., was born in 1851, and his wife is a native of Erie County. During his life Mr. Brennan was extensively interested in the nursery business. He died in 1918 and is buried in the Catholic cemetery at Conneautville. His wife resides at that place. To Mr. and Mrs. Brennan three children were born: Nellie, married Dr. C. C. Fish, lives in Erie; Charles Stewart, the subject of this sketch; and Philip S., twin brother of Charles Stewart, lives at Ashtabula, Ohio, where he is engaged in the candy business.

After completing his schooling in the public and high schools at Conneautville, Charles Stewart Brennan was associated in the nursery business with his father until the latter's death. In 1921 he removed to Albion and purchased the candy business of Dale T. Williams, which was then located in the old Foster hotel. Mr. Brennan later moved his shop to the Masonic building, which is known as the Albion Candy Shop. His candies and refreshments are of the highest quality and his place is well patronized.

On Nov. 19, 1913, Mr. Brennan was married to Miss Helen Crenn, of Chicago, and they have a daughter, Esther Rose.

Mr. Brennan is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, and the Moose lodges. He is a Democrat.

Wesley O. Wilson, mortician, is among the prominent and highly esteemed citizens of North East. He was born at Bear Lake, Warren County, Pa., July 5, 1879, and is a son of Oscar H. and Sara Jane (Wright) Wilson.

Oscar H. Wilson was a native of Bear Lake, Pa., as is his wife. He was extensively engaged in farming until his death, March 4, 1915. He is buried at Warren, Pa. Mrs. Wilson lives at Jamestown, N. Y. There were

HOME OF WESLEY O. WILSON, NORTH EAST, PA.

three children in the Wilson family: Mrs. Nora Wilson Davis, 135 Catlin Avenue, Jamestown, N. Y.; Walter B., 349 Burchett Avenue, Glendale, Cal.; and Wesley O., the subject of this sketch.

Wesley O. Wilson was educated in the district schools of Warren County and attended Sugar Grove (Pa.) Seminary. His first employment was as a motorman for the Pittsburgh Railway Company, where he remained for six years. After locating at Warren, Pa., he established the first taxicab business in that city, which he sold the following year to Albert Schmutz. He then secured the agency for the Ford automobile in Warren County, and for four years handled both the Ford and Overland

Wesley A. Wilson

cars. After disposing of the agency and garage to the present owners, Russell Brothers, Mr. Wilson purchased a half interest in a furniture and undertaking business at Warren, known as the Gibson-Sherman Company, Ltd., the Shermans having retired. He continued in this business about six years and during that time built another large garage in Warren in the 400 block on Pennsylvania Avenue, a two-story brick building, 50 x 150 feet, which was later sold to the Overland-Warren Company. In the spring of 1919, Mr. Wilson sold his interest in the furniture and undertaking business to his partner, L. P. Gibson, now deceased. He then came to North East and purchased the undertaking business of James P. Stull, which is located at Clay and Lake streets.

On Oct. 22, 1898, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Belle L. Casie, of Youngsville, Pa., the daughter of Thomas and Jane (Timmons) Casie, natives of New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson four children were born: Mrs. Mildred R. McCuine, Warren, Pa.; Marguerite C., Dean M., and Martha J., who live at North East.

Mr. Wilson is a Republican, a member of the United Brethren Church of Warren, is a charter member of the Lions' Club, the North East Golf Club and the North East Business Men's Club. He is identified with the Elks, Warren, Pa.; Knights of Pythias, Warren; F. & A. M., 399, North East; Mount Olivet Commandery, No. 30, Erie; Royal Arch Chapter No. 215, Erie; Scottish Rite Bodies of Erie; Zem Zem Shrine Temple, Erie; and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 1073, North East. Mr. Wilson is accounted one of the reliable business men of Erie County and has a wide acquaintance.

Mrs. Harriet Acheson Marks, who resides at 119 Parker Street, Warren, Pa., is a member of a well known pioneer family of Erie County. She was born in Erie, Dec. 10, 1873, and is the daughter of James and Mary (Robinson) Acheson.

James Acheson, deceased, was a native of Erie, and the son of James Acheson, who was the founder of the South Erie Iron Works. He was associated with Adam Acheson and Reinhard Liebel. Mr. Achison died Nov. 14, 1887, and his wife died Aug. 22, 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Acheson were the parents of six children: Joseph, deceased, was a veteran of the Spanish American War; James, lives at Grand Rapids, Minn.; Jennie, lives in Cleveland, Ohio; Walter, lives at Benton Harbor, Mich.; and Harriet M., the subject of this sketch. An adopted son, Monrice Acheson Port, who

lives at Edinboro, is a veteran of the World War, having served in France with the 81st Division.

Harriet M. Acheson was reared and educated in Erie and on Sept. 11, 1893, was married to William Wallace Marks, a native of Erie and the son of William Wallace and Mercy A. Marks. To them three sons were born: Allan Kenneth, served during the World War with the 105th Ambulance Company, 27th Division, lives in Syracuse, N. Y.; William Harold, served throughout the World War as a first sergeant in the 11th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., later first lieutenant in cavalry of National Guard of Rochester, N. Y., lives at Rochester, N. Y.; and James Dudley, who is a student at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Marks is a member of the First Methodist Church.

G. R. Mitchell, a member of the firm of Mitchell and Dill Company, authorized Ford dealers, is among the enterprising and successful young business men of North East. He was born at Johnstown, Pa., Oct. 5, 1889, and is the son of John A. and Phoebe (Thomas) Mitchell.

John A. Mitchell was born at New Paris, Pa., in 1849. He worked at the carpenter trade during his entire life and died in 1924. His wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell had six children.

G. R. Mitchell attended the public schools of Lorain, Ohio, and when a young man entered the employ of John W. Schmauch, Ford dealer of that city. He remained in his employ until 1924 when he removed to North East and purchased an interest in the present business, which is known as the Mitchell & Dill Company. He is president of the firm which is among the leading Ford sales and service stations in Erie County.

On April 25, 1916, Mr. Mitchell was married at Amherst, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth Schmauch. They have no children.

Mr. Mitchell is a Republican, a member of the Congregational Church and belongs to the Masonic and Elk Lodges and the North East Club.

E. J. Wright, popular garage owner of Albion, is a native of Erie County, and one of its successful business men. He was born in Girard Township, Sept. 18, 1878, and is the son of L. J. and Sophia (Voltz) Wright.

L. J. Wright, deceased, was a prosperous farmer and stockman of Erie County. He spent his entire life in Girard Township, and died Oct. 13, 1924. His wife, a native of Erie, died Feb. 20, 1924. They had four children: E.

J., the subject of this sketch; E. R., lives at Coffeyville, Kan.; W. S., lives at Coffeyville; and Donald, lives at Girard.

E. J. Wright grew up on his father's farm and was educated in the public schools of Girard Township. Since 1917 he has been engaged in the automobile business at Albion with P. E. Irwin, and until 1924 they were local agents for the Willys-Knight automobile. They now operate a first class repair shop and carry a complete line of automobile accessories. They have been very successful and are well known throughout the county.

On April 10, 1901, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Mae Jenkins, a native of Conneaut Township, and a daughter of George and Minerva (Watson) Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins lives at Meadville, Pa. His wife is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Wright have been born two children: Garold, born Jan. 14, 1902, lives at home; and Garnet, born Feb. 11, 1905, was graduated from Edinboro State Normal School in 1925.

Mr. Wright is a Republican and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Ray W. Britton, vice-president and treasurer of the Firch Baking Company, ranks among the successful business men of Erie. He was born at Guys Mills, Pa., Dec. 13, 1886, and is the son of Edgar and Elatha (Oakes) Britton.

Edgar Britton, retired, was born at Espyville, Pa., in 1856. He was a prosperous farmer of Crawford County for many years. His wife, is also a native of Pennsylvania, born at Mount Hope in 1856. Mr. and Mrs. Britton are the parents of six children.

Ray W. Britton was educated in the schools of Guys Mills and Edinboro Normal and Grove City College, after which he taught school for six years. He was then associated with the Washburn-Crosby Company and located in their Buffalo office. Two years later he engaged in the wholesale and retail coal business at Erie, and in 1916 became interested in the bakery business. The company was originally known as the Old Home Baking Company, and in 1920 was reorganized as the Firch Baking Company. The officers are: J. B. Dwyer, president; Mr. Britton, vice-president and treasurer; and Francis Norman, secretary. The Firch Baking Company has developed into the leading business of its kind in Erie, and employs 75 people. Twenty-six trucks are in operation and territory within 50 miles of Erie is served by this concern.

On Dec. 30, 1913, Mr. Britton was united in marriage with Miss Freda

Berlin, of Knox, Pa., and a daughter of J. C. and Wilda (Ochs) Berlin. They have two children: Betty Berlin, born Aug. 8, 1919; and John Edgar, born June 4, 1921.

Mr. Britton and his family hold membership in the Congregational Church. He is a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Kiwanis Club, the Y. M. C. A., the Chamber of Commerce, and the Elks Lodge. He is an energetic and industrious man, highly esteemed throughout the county.

Jacob Schaffner is well and favorably known in Erie, where he is identified with the Schaffner Brothers Company, wholesale meat dealers. He is a native of Hesloch, Germany, born Jan. 4, 1868, and the son of Henry and Regina (Sedel) Schaffner.

Henry Schaffner, a meat dealer during his life in Germany, died there in 1893 at the age of 56 years. In 1898 his wife came to the United States and settled in Erie, where she died in 1912. Four children of Mr. and Mrs. Schaffner are living as follows: Morris, a sketch of whom appears in this history; Jacob, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Jennie Phillips, resides in Erie; and Pauline Schaffner, who also resides in this city.

Jacob Schaffner was reared and educated in his native land and in 1884 came to America and settled in Cleveland. Three years later he removed to Erie with his brother and they established a wholesale and retail meat business at 1317 Peach Street. The following year they devoted themselves exclusively to the wholesale trade and in 1906 purchased an entire block on East 15th Street, breaking ground for the erection of the great plant which they now occupy. The most approved methods of artificial refrigeration are in use, the cellars and coolers giving ample assurance that all meat products will be handled with every safeguard as to cleanliness and general sanitary conditions. A large trade is also done in manufactured meat. In 1906 the business was incorporated with the following officers: Morris Schaffner, president; Jacob Schaffner, vice president; Milton Schaffner, treasurer; and Henry G. Schaffner, secretary.

Mr. Schaffner was married Oct. 4, 1893, to Miss Sarah O. Oppenheimer, who was born in Erie, the daughter of Isaac and Balbina Oppenheimer, natives of Holland and Germany respectively, and both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Schaffner have two children: Henry G., married Matilda Steinfeldt of New York, and they have three children, Betty S., Jane, and Jack; and Helen, the daughter, married Abe Kron, of Erie.

Mr. Schaffner has been vice president of the West Eighth Street Temple and president of B'nai B'rith. He is a director of the Kiwanis Club at present.

J. P. Kearney. A man of enterprise and marked ability, J. P. Kearney holds a noteworthy position among the leading business men of Erie, being widely and favorably known as manager of the H. R. Mallinson & Company, Inc. The Erie factory of this concern is the largest, with branch factories at Astoria, L. I., Allentown, Pa., Patterson, N. J., Hoboken, N. J., and Trenton, N. J.

J. P. Kearney is a native of Manchester, Conn., and is the son of P. F. and Mary (Carney) Kearney. P. F. Kearney, deceased, was associated with the Cheney Silk Company for 45 years and lived in Connecticut.

J. P. Kearney was educated in the public schools of Hartford, Conn., and when a young man entered the employ of the Cheney Silk Company, and remained with that firm for four years. He was then connected with the Migel Silk Company in New York City for a number of years and in 1911 was transferred to Erie to represent the company, which was later purchased by the H. R. Mallinson & Company, Inc. They are manufacturers of the well known "Pussy Willow" silks, and originators and creators of the newest ideas in silks. Raw silk from the Orient is developed by this manufacturing plant into the finished product, and the Mallinson Company is known throughout the world.

On April 30, 1905, Mr. Kearney was married to Miss Cecelia Gutting of New York City.

Mr. Kearney is a Republican, a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to the Erie Club, Rotary, Kahkwa, Chamber of Commerce, and Elks Lodge. He served as president of the Rotary Club during the years 1921-22. The Kearney residence is at 1215 West 9th Street.

George Benzing, of the Benzing Merkle Floor Company, ranks among the progressive and enterprising business men of Erie. He was born at Albion, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1881, and is a son of John and Frederica (Fauth) Benzing.

John Benzing was a native of Germany and came to this country in 1860. He was a wood turner by trade. There were six children in the Benzing family as follows: Fannie, married George Colburn, lives at Albion, N. Y.; Minnie, married Joseph Bielstein, lives in Buffalo; Hattie,

married John Gottmein, lives in Buffalo; Catherine, married Morton Hutchinson, lives at Lancaster, N. Y.; John, lives in Buffalo; and George, the subject of this sketch.

George Benzing attended the public schools of Buffalo and after completing his schooling was employed by the Stevens Floor Company of Buffalo for 12 years. He came to Erie Feb. 12, 1912, at which time he established his present business. The Benzing Merkle Floor Company specializes in the laying and finishing of hardwood floors and metal weather strips. They were the contractors for this kind of work in the local public schools, as well as Saint John Kanty College, Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Erie Baptist Church and a number of residences in Erie and out of town.

On February 1, 1925, Mr. Benzing dissolved partnership with Mr. Merkle and is engaged in the same business under the firm name the Benzing-Merkle Floor Company, and has taken as a partner P. M. Baublitz. The business is located at 924 West 23rd Street.

On June 27, 1906, Mr. Benzing was united in marriage with Miss Muriel Thompson Cook, of Buffalo, and the daughter of Theodore and Isabel Cook. They have three children: Burton, born Sept. 22, 1907, engaged in business with his father; Muriel Alice, born Aug. 1, 1914; and Shirley-Jane, born Oct. 13th, 1924.

Mr. Benzing is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Knights of Malta. He is a Republican, and a substantial citizen of his community.

Wayne A. Gleeten, well known and successful attorney of Erie, who is recognized as one of the representative members of the bar of Erie County, was born at Edinboro, Pa., Oct. 18, 1887, and is the son of M. V. and Caroline (Skinner) Gleeten.

M. V. Gleeten, who now lives retired at Edinboro, has been a successful farmer of Erie County for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Gleeten are natives of that place and the parents of the following children: Donna, married M. Williamson, lives at Waterford, Pa.; Blanche, married M. White, lives at Waterford, Pa.; Mrs. Elizabeth Eastman, lives in Erie; Drew, lives at Edinboro, Pa.; Bruce, lives at Opportunity, Wash.; Paul R., lives at Spokane, Wash.; and Wayne A., the subject of this sketch.

Wayne A. Gleeten was educated in the public schools of Edinboro, and was graduated from Edinboro Normal College and the College and Law

School of the University of Pittsburgh. He is a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. After being admitted to the bar he engaged in the practice of law in Erie, where he has met with success. His offices are in the Masonic Temple Building.

Mr. Gleeten is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Edinboro. He is an excellent citizen and an asset to his community.

Harry L. Smith, secretary of the C. F. Adams Company, is a well known and successful business man of Erie. He was born at Allegheny City, Pa., Oct. 5, 1863, and is the son of William T. and Martha M. (Runyan) Smith.

William T. Smith, who now lives retired in Chicago, was for many years a master mechanic on the Pennsylvania Railroad. He lived in Erie and was a member of the city council for a number of years. His wife died in 1923. They had seven children.

Harry L. Smith attended the schools of Erie and entered the employ of the C. F. Adams Company in Erie, in the capacity of a clerk 30 years ago and during his long years of service with the company has risen to the position of secretary.

On Sept. 19, 1883, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Ida B. Faulkner, of Erie.

Mr. Smith is identified with the Democratic party in politics, is a member of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is steward, he is a Knight Templar as well as a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Shrine. He is president of the Mutual Building and Loan Association. Mr. Smith is a man of integrity and stands high in his community.

Martin L. Anstead, professor of violin, is among the widely known musicians of Erie. He was born at Potsdam, N. Y., Aug. 23, 1877, and is a son of Martin L. and Mary (Champney) Anstead.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Anstead were natives of Potsdam, N. Y. He is deceased and his widow resides with her son, Martin L. They had six children: Alvin H.; Martin L., the subject of this sketch; Georgia, deceased; Netta, married George Zessinger, Erie; Ella, married Doctor Hurd, Erie; and Ethel, married Theodore Miller, Erie.

Martin L. Anstead was educated in the public schools of Potsdam and Potsdam Normal School, where he spent three years as a teacher of music. In 1910 he came to Erie and that year organized the Colonial Theatre Or-

chestra, also the first high school orchestra of Erie. Mr. Anstead has conducted a studio in the city since that time. He is first violinist in the Erie Symphony Orchestra of which he has been a member since its organization. Mr. Anstead's studio is in the Union Building, 1113 State Street.

Mr. Anstead has a daughter, Mary L., who was graduated from Academy High School in 1923 and later from Erie Business College.

Mr. Anstead is a Republican and a member of the Central Presbyterian Church.

C. R. Forbes is one of Albion's pioneer business men and ranks among the representative citizens of Erie County. He was born in Conneaut Township, June 13, 1856, and is the son of Albert T. and Olive (Cornell) Forbes.

Albert T. Forbes was born in Crawford County, Pa., Nov. 22, 1825, and died Oct. 4, 1873. He was a successful farmer during his life and a prominent citizen. His wife was born in Crawford County, May 8, 1835, and is also deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Forbes the following children were born: C. R., the subject of this sketch; Almira L., born April 25, 1858, deceased, was the wife of O. H. Hewitt, who lives in Conneaut Township, Erie County; Harley J., born July 25, 1862, a farmer, lives in Conneaut Township, married Lynn Christy, deceased, and he later married Lydia Rood, and they have three children, Royce, with the Bessimer R. R., lives in Albion, married Miss Josephine Smith; they have two children, Edna and Dale; Dorothy, who married Matt Niskanen, and Isabel, at home; and George Lee, born Oct. 24, 1873, deceased, was the husband of Mary Joslyn, who lives at North Girard, Pa., and they had four children, Myrtle, deceased; Nellie, marrierd Marcus Hites, and they have two children, Elsmore and Lorretta; Harry, married Mary Yarington and they have one child, and live at North Girard, and Nora, married Albert Hayes, lives in Erie, and has one child. A half-brother of C. R. Forbes, Robert M. Forbes, lives in Erie. He was married to Florence King and they have three children, Lawrence, Mildred, and Bernice.

C. R. Forbes is the grandson of B. J. and Hannah (Farley) Forbes, who were among the early settlers of Erie County. The former died in 1879 and the latter in 1869.

C. R. Forbes attended the district schools of Erie County and making the most of the advantages offered, he soon became a successful con-

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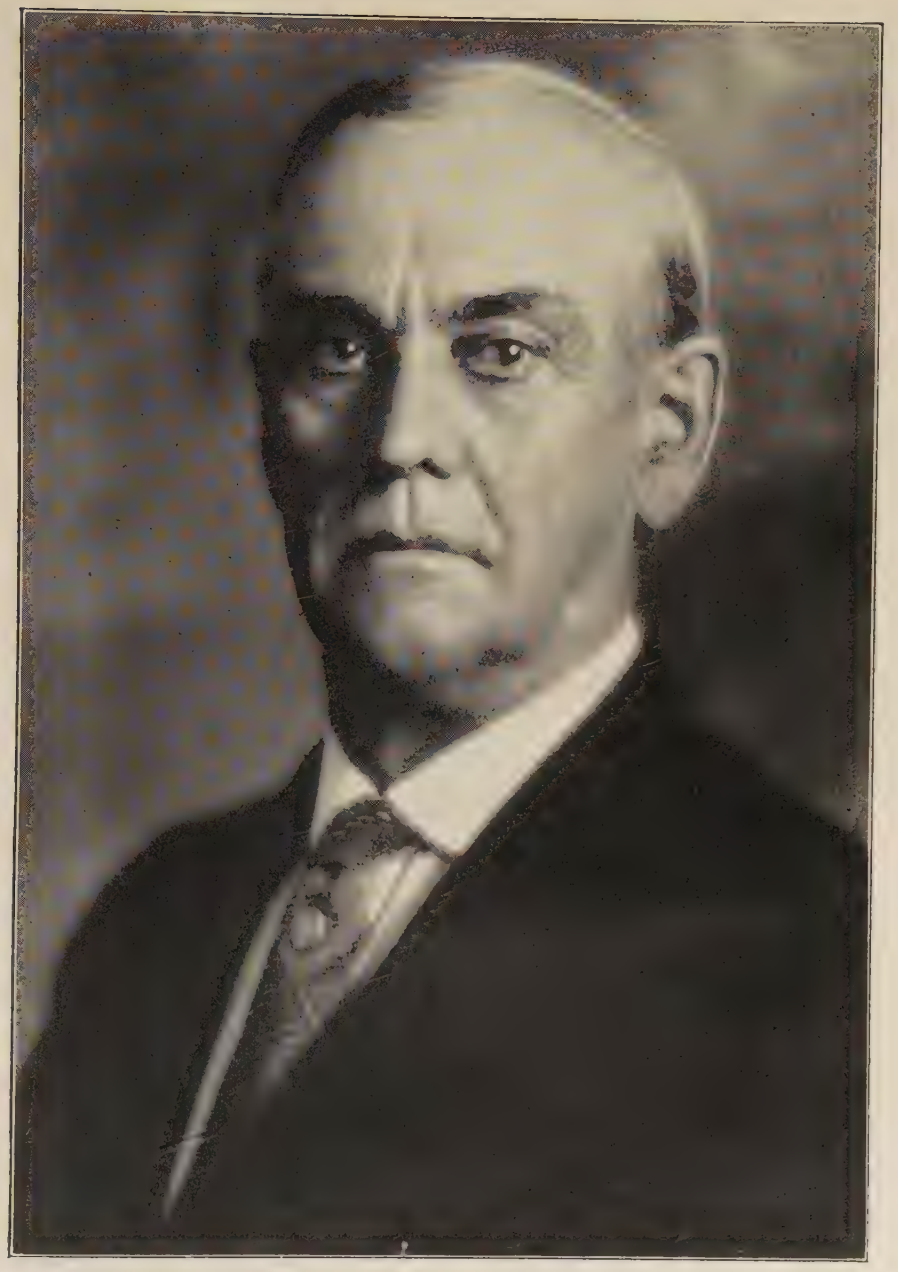


C. K. Forbes

tractor and builder, which he followed from 1880 until 1918. His business interests extended throughout Erie and Crawford Counties, Pa., and in Ashtabula County, Ohio. Mr. Forbes has numerous business interests and is local agent for the Glens Falls (N. Y.) Insurance Company, the Lebanon Mutual Insurance Company, of Lebanon, Pa., the Pennsylvania Mutual Insurance Company of Chester, Pa., the Crawford Mutual Insurance Company of Meadville, Pa., and the Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., of New York. He is identified with the Forbes & Spaulding Motor Company of Corry, being president of the firm; served as president for seven years of the Harbor Creek Mutual Insurance Company; is a director and was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Albion; is treasurer and one of the organizers of the Albion Telephone Company; is a stockholder in the Masonic Temple Association; is a stockholder of the Albion Cemetery Association; and served as humane officer for 20 years.

On Jan. 1, 1881, Mr. Forbes was united in marriage with Miss Ollie Randall, a native of Conneaut Township, Erie County, born Jan. 2, 1862, the daughter of Rev. W. S. and Jane (Hewitt) Randall, natives of Erie County. Rev. W. S. Randall died Jan. 3, 1907, and his wife died July 4, 1863. They had seven children, as follows: N. W., deceased; Flora A., the widow of R. Rogers, deceased, and her second husband was John Henderson, deceased, and she lives at Tulsa, Okla.; Mary A., married A. Flower, lives at Conneaut, Ohio; Lillian C., married E. E. Keep, both died at Bowling Green, Ohio; Mina J., married S. A. Merriman, of Conneaut, Ohio, both deceased; Carrie S., married LeRoy Baker, lives at Conneaut, Ohio; and Mrs. Forbes. A half-sister, Bertha L. Randall, married E. C. Keep. She lives in Elk Creek Township, Erie County.

To C. R. and Ollie (Randall) Forbes three children were born: J. K., born Oct. 1, 1884, died Nov. 12, 1906, married Iva Meyers, and they had a son, Lloyd C.; Ray W., born June 18, 1889, was a veteran of the World War, died Aug. 17, 1920, buried at Albion, Pa., and Mabel L., born April 8, 1899, married Nov. 11, 1918, to Milton Spaulding who is manager of the Ford automobile agency at Corry Pa. They have two daughters, Lillian Caroline Spaulding, born in August, 1921, and Martha Rae, born May 31, 1925. J. K. and Ray W. Forbes are buried at Albion, Pa.

In politics, Mr. Forbes is identified with the Democratic party. He is a member of F. & A. M., No. 304, Albion, and was worshipful master in 1895 and 1918; is a member of Mt. Olivett, No. 30, K. T. Commandery of Erie; Lodge of Perfection, Erie; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No.

376; Past District Deputy Encampment of I. O. O. F., Albion; Knights of Pythias, Lundy's Lane, No. 497; and the Masonic Temple Club. He is Past Grand Captain of the State Police of Pennsylvania and Ohio and Deputy Grand Captain at the present time. Mr. Forbes is an active member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Albion. He and his family are highly esteemed citizens of their community and have many friends and acquaintances in Erie County. He served two terms of three years each on the city council of Albion.

Henry Carl Herbolsheimer, principal of Fairview High School, is among the representative citizens of Erie County. He was born at Napoleon, Ohio, Dec. 21, 1889, and is the son of William and Irene (Franz) Herbolsheimer. The father is deceased, and his widow resides at Napoleon, Ohio.

H. C. Herbolsheimer received his early education in the public and high schools of Holgate, Ohio, and was graduated from Defiance College, Ohio, in 1914. He later attended Ohio State University and is working towards his master's degree at Chicago University. He holds state life certificate from states of Ohio and Pennsylvania. Mr. Herbolsheimer began his teaching career at Napoleon, where he was an instructor in mathematics and science for one year. The following three years were spent as principal of Marengo (Ill.) High School, and at the outbreak of the World War he enlisted in the navy and attended the officers' school at Chicago. Mr. Herbolsheimer suffered an attack of influenza while in service and was discharged Dec. 17, 1918. He has since been located at Fairview as high school principal and instructor of history and mathematics.

On Aug. 27, 1915, Mr. Herbolsheimer was united in marriage with Miss Maud Luther, a native of Girard, Pa., and the daughter of Conrad and Florence (Silverthorn) Luther, early settlers of Erie County. They have two daughters, Florence and Gloria Herbolsheimer.

Mr. Herbolsheimer is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Masonic lodge. He holds state life certificates from the states of Ohio and Pennsylvania. He is thoroughly capable in his work and is intensely interested in every movement for civic improvement.

Fairview Schools.—In tracing the history of the schools of Fairview we must go back to the time when the first settlers cut their way through the tangled masses of forests. The first schoolhouse, or rather cabin, was located on the property of William Sturgeon. It was used for two winters, taught first by John Hayes, then by Squire McCreary. This was about the year 1810. In 1812 William Sturgeon erected a regular building on the present site of the former home of Perry Sturgeon. This school was taught by Jacob Erickson and John Hayes. About 1825 another schoolhouse was built where the cement works of Jacob Fitting now stands. This was a log building painted bright red. The first teacher was Moses Johnson, who was chastised by the school board for going out at recess to play ball with the boys. He said the school board would make no such rules for him and he resigned. He was followed by Mr. Jenness. In 1844 two new frame buildings were completed and this one was abandoned. The first was built in the rear of where the Presbyterian church now stands and the second was at the east end of the village, located on the present site of the home of Lorenzo Newhouse. School was held in these until the Academy was built. Among the teachers of the two schools were Roy McCoy, Ase McCoy, J. C. Sturdevant, Mr. McLaughlin, Minnie Sterrett, Elizabeth Eaton, and Mrs. Jennie Warner Mills. The schools were well attended, as a record of Mr. Ase McCoy showed a roll call of 85 pupils in the first school. At that time he taught from 8:30 in the morning until dark.

In 1866 an acre of land was purchased from William and Harry Sturgeon for $600, and the contract for the new so-called Academy was given to Robert Holliday. The old school houses were sold. The first was bought by Mrs. M. Heidler, moved and remodeled for a dwelling house now occupied by Ralph McCray. The second was bought by Nickolas Myers and is the present barn on the lot owned by Lorenzo Neihouse. School opened in the fall of 1866. Lyman Knight, the principal, with Miss Vine Luther and Miss Thompson as assistants. Then came R. P. Holliday, D. C. Thomas, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Clinton, Mr. Freeman, M. L. Davis, Viola Eaton, Mrs. Adalaide Holliday, Mr. Billings, Mr. Curry, who gave way to Lillian Eaton on account of ill health, Mr. Jones and Joseph Rossiter. In 1891 the school house burned but was rebuilt about the same model as before. Mr. Swaney was first principal in the new building. He also began grading the pupils. Until this time every one went to school to get what he could and no grades or promotions were used.

Next in line were Mr. LeFever, Mr. Proudfit, Edward Tate, Mr. Lingo, Mr. Fox, who gave way to Mr. Shallenburger, Charles Carr, John Timmons, E. Frantz, A. Whittaker, and H. C. Herbolsheimer. In 1892 was the first graduating class for a one-year high school. Since that time additional work has been added until the spring of 1910 found the first graduating class from a four-year high school.

Earl R. Cornell, of the firm of P. R. Cornell & Son, widely known interior decorators of Erie, is a veteran of the World War. He was born in this city, Aug. 30, 1894, and is the son of P. R. and Elizabeth (Snell) Cornell, residents of Erie.

Earl R. Cornell received his early education in the public schools of Erie, attended St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wis., and Carnegie Institute of Technology. In 1917 he was graduated from Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and then enlisted in the army for service during the World War. He was stationed at Camp Lee with the 319th Infantry and served in France with the 305th Sanitary Train and 320th Ambulance Hospital Corps. He also served with the A. E. F. in Italy and was discharged at Camp Dix, June 13, 1919. Mr. Cornell then returned to Erie, where he is engaged in business with his father at 111 West Ninth Street. This business was established in January, 1920, and is among the fine shops of the city.

On Oct. 11, 1924, Mr. Cornell was married to Miss Charlotte Richardson of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Cornell is a Republican, a member of the Episcopal Church and belongs to the Elks Lodge, Viorus Club, American Legion, Erie Yacht Club and Chamber of Commerce. He is among the representative and successful young business men of Erie County.

The Viorus Club, of Erie, was organized in 1908 and its present roster contains names of many of the young professional and business men of Erie, numbering 68 members. The original 13 members were in the Sunday school class of C. E. Zinram, at Trinity Memorial Church, and their ages were from 15 to 18 years. Charter members included William Hug, Carleton Hug, Daniel Regan, John Humble, Charles Humble, Millard Mehl, Edward Kent, Kenneth Decker, Harry Kent, Archie LeJeal, Earl Olberg, and Earl Cornell.

William Knox was connected with the Viorus Club of Cincinnati, and the Erie boys adopted the name, derived from the Greek and Latin, and

signifying the violet rays of the rising sun. Purple and gold naturally followed as the club's colors and their motto is "Not by might nor by strength, but by example". Meetings were at first conducted in the members' homes. The first club rooms were occupied in 1914 at 210 West 8th Street. Small dances were given in the chapter house of St. Paul's Cathedral. In 1912 the club sponsored the appearance in Erie of Harry Burleigh, world famed singer and composer, a native of Erie, in one of the most distinguished concerts of that season. Its first public dance was given Friday, Oct. 13, 1919, and each year since the club has sponsored many elaborate parties, including the "Oriental Ball", the "Black and White", etc. In 1922 the club published its first magazine, "The Mascot", now named the Viorian.

Entertainment alone is not the chief aim of the club. At Christmastide, many homes that would otherwise have been devoid of cheer, have received baskets of food from the club. No story of the Viorus Club would be complete without telling of its war service. All the boys were in service, most of them overseas, among the many thousands who were enacting America's brave role in the thrilling and terrible days of '17 and '18.

Earl Cornell, of the firm of P. R. Cornell & Son, West Ninth Street, is now the only active charter member of the club. Officers for 1924-25 are: Robert C. Robison, president; Wilfred L. Kennedy, vice president; Frederick D. Breter, financial secretary; Paul C. Wagner, recording secretary; Harold E. Adams, William F. Lewis, Max H. Morrison, house committee; William F. Liljenberg, Samuel R. Mason, Claude H. Miller, trustees.

After several moves, in accord with business changes, the club is now located at 719 State Street, with the entire third floor, 24 x 100 feet, arranged for club rooms and a dance floor of equal proportions for its social functions.

Mrs. Myrtle Ramsey is among the successful and highly esteemed business women of Erie, where she is proprietor of Blue Bird Inn. She was born in Huntingdon County, Pa., May 1, 1870, and is a daughter of William and Susan (Williams) Travis, both of whom are deceased.

On Jan 18, 1894, Myrtle Travis was married to H. B. Ramsey of New Wilmington, Pa., who was born Feb. 18, 1872, the son of James Elliott and Iva (Anderson) Ramsey, residents of New Wilmington, Pa. During the Civil War Mr. Ramsey's grandfather, who was an undertaker, lived at North East, Pa., and took part in the smuggling of slaves to Canada.

When they arrived at North East he brought them to Erie to the old Perry House, at the foot of French Street, in "rough boxes" in the hearse, and during the night they were sent to Canada.

Robert Travis, brother of Mrs. Myrtle Ramsey, was born in 1862, and now lives retired at Dunkirk, N. Y. He was first married to Mary Singleton of Bellefonte, Pa. Three children were born to this union, two daughters and a son. The mother and son passed on, within a month of each other in 1888. In 1896 he again married Minnie E. Smith of Patron Station, Pa. Myrtle Belle Dunn, one of the daughters of the first union, was born at Ft. Scott, Kans., in November, 1886. She was married to O. V. Dunn of Dunkirk, N. Y., in 1903, coming to Erie shortly after. They have two children, Myrtle Belle Dunn, born May 28, 1905, and Aleethe Mae Dunn, born in 1907. Both of these girls are graduates of Academy High School of Erie and are also musicians of ability.

In 1902 Mrs. Ramsey came to Erie where she has since been successfully engaged in the restaurant business. She served as manager of the Y. W. C. A. cafeteria for two years, and also operated a restaurant at 815 State Street. Since 1919 she has conducted her present business at 119 West Seventh Street, which is known as Blue Bird Inn. It is widely known for its good food and excellent service.

Mrs. Ramsey, formerly a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, where she was a member of the choir for nine years, is now affiliated with the Christian Science Church. She is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Dr. G. J. Parker, doctor of Chiropractic, is recognized as one of the representative citizens of Erie. He was born in Concord Township, near Corry, Pa., Jan. 7, 1873, and is a son of Dr. H. D. and Alice J. (Perkins) Parker.

Dr. H. D. Parker, retired, was born in Warren County, Pa., and for many years was a prominent physician and druggist of Corry. Later he practiced his profession in Syracuse and Jamestown, N. Y., and now lives retired in the latter city. His wife, a native of Concord Township, Erie County, is deceased.

Dr. G. J. Parker was educated in the public and high schools of Corry, from which he was graduated in 1892. The following two years were spent in the Corry Business College, after which he engaged in business with his father until 1907. He received his degree as Doctor of Chiro-

practic from the Palmer-Gregory College, Oklahoma City, in 1909, and two years later was graduated from the Mechano-Therapy Institute of Chicago. Since that time Doctor Parker has been located in Erie, where he has a well established practice.

On July 4, 1892, Doctor Parker was united in marriage with Miss Cora B. Crosby, who was born Nov. 22, 1873, and died Nov. 18, 1921. To this union were born two children: Renca May Westman, born May 1, 1893, lives in Erie; and D. Lloyd, born Aug. 27, 1900, lives in Erie. On March 8, 1923, Doctor Parker was married to Mrs. Grace (Whitney) Stafford, a native of Waterford, Pa. By her former marriage Mrs. Parker has two children: Marjorie, born in 1911; and Melvin, born in 1914.

Doctor Parker is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Shrine and is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Daniel E. Butt, who lives retired on his farm near Erie, has been prominently identified with Erie County for many years and is a member of one of the county's oldest families. He was born on this farm, Aug. 9, 1859, and is the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Giest) Butt.

Jacob Butt was born in York County, Pa., in 1815, and was the son of John Butt. He followed general farming during his entire life and owned a well improved farm near West Mill Creek. He died in 1902 and is buried in Erie Cemetery. He was a member of the Lutheran Memorial Church of Erie and was an honored pioneer of this section. His wife was born at Lancaster, Pa., and died at the age of 43 years. She had moved here with her parents when she was a child of three years. Mr. and Mrs. Butt were the parents of the following children: Lavina, married Charles F. Buseck, deceased; John, died at the age of 13 years; Isaac M., died in 1922 at the age of 66 years; Charles Edward, lives retired at West Mill Creek, Pa.; and Daniel E., the subject of this sketch.

Daniel E. Butt has always lived in this county. He attended the district schools of West Mill Creek and at the age of 27 years engaged in farming on 65 acres of land. He has lived retired since 1918.

On Oct. 13, 1887, Mr. Butt was united in marriage with Miss Ida Rebecca McKee, a native of West Mill Creek, born July 23, 1861, and the daughter of John and Mary Ann (Pherin) McKee, both deceased. He was a native of Allegheny County and his wife was born in Cumberland County, Pa. He was also a prominent farmer and died in 1868. To Mr. and Mrs. Butt were born three children: Stella Elizabeth, the widow of

George Nicholson, lives with her parents, and has two children, Rebecca Isabel and George Elliott Nicholson; H. Eleanor, born March 21, 1900, lives at home; and H. Frank, a twin brother of H. Eleanor, died at the age of two years.

Mr. Butt is a Republican and a member of the Ashbury Methodist Episcopal Church. He is one of Erie County's most highly respected citizens.

Charles H. Fry is recognized as one of the successful business men of Erie, where he is extensively engaged in the construction business. He was born at Greenville, Mercer County, Pa., June 10, 1889, and is the son of William H. and Emma E. (Slater) Fry.

William H. Fry and his wife are natives of Mercer County, Pa. He was connected with the Bessemer Railroad as a conductor for 41 years and now lives retired in Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Fry have two children: Edna E., and Charles H., both of whom reside in Erie.

Charles H. Fry attended the public schools of Erie and after a year in the Erie Dry Goods Company he engaged in the contracting business. The Charles H. Fry Construction Company is among the leading enterprises of its kind in the city and during the year 1924 its volume of business amounted to over a million dollars.

Mr. Fry was married on June 29, 1915, to Miss Isabel H. Reed, of Erie, and a daughter of H. E. and Cora (MacDonald) Reed, who reside at 2125 Sassafrass Street, Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. Fry have been born two sons: William Reed and Robert MacDonald Fry.

In politics Mr. Fry is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and the Erie Club.

William H. Fry, retired, is among the honored and well known pioneer citizens of Erie. He was born at Sharon, Pa., March 13, 1859, and is the son of Lewis and Hannah M. (Miller) Fry.

Lewis Fry was a native of Pennsylvania, as was also his wife. When he was 28 years of age he settled at Sharon, where he spent the remainder of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fry are deceased. They had two children: Settira, the wife of J. C. Grove, lives on West Ninth Street, Erie; and William H., the subject of this sketch.

William H. Fry spent his boyhood in Sharon and was educated in the schools there and at Fredonia, N. Y. At the age of 12 years he began his

railroad career as a water carrier for a construction company. He later became a brakeman and in 1881 had charge of a freight train. Two years later he entered the employ of the Bessemer Railroad, in whose employ he remained 45 years, being promoted to passenger conductor in 1888. In 1924 Mr. Fry retired. He resides at 263 West 18th Street.

In 1880, Mr. Fry was united in marriage with Miss Emma E. Slater, a native of Mercer County, Pa., and the daughter of George I. and Elmira (Block) Slater, both deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Fry were born two children: Edna E., and Charles H., a sketch of whom appears in this volume.

Edna E. Fry is a graduate of Columbia University and of the State Normal School. She taught in a mission school at Mexico City one year, and is now a teacher in Academy High School, Erie. She resides at home.

Mr. Fry is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge and Shrine.

John B. Farver, retired, has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Erie County for many years, and is also a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Erie, Feb. 25, 1843, and is the son of John and Catherine (Butt) Farver.

John Farver, deceased, was born at York, Pa., in 1813, and his wife was also a native of the same place. He was a cooper by trade but in later life engaged in general farming on the old Butt farm in Erie County. Mr. and Mrs. Farver were the parents of the following children: Dan, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War, having served with the 145th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and was wounded at Fredericksburg; Susanna, married Gilson Stone of North East, both deceased; Sarah E., married Conrad Ort, of West Mill Creek, Pa., both deceased; Mary, the widow of Thomas McKee, lives at West Mill Creek; Edward, deceased; and John B., the subject of this sketch.

John B. Farver attended the schools of Erie and when a young man became interested in farming, in which occupation he was successfully engaged until the time of his retirement in 1917, when he sold his farm of 125 acres. On Sept. 6, 1864, Mr. Farver volunteered for service during the Civil War and served with Battery H, Independent Light Artillery. He took part in the engagements at Alexandria, Va., Fairfax, Va., and Washington, D. C., and was discharged in July, 1865.

On Feb. 25, 1868, Mr. Farver was united in marriage with Miss Lyda M. Buseck, a native of Erie, born April 13, 1845, and a daughter of

Clemens E. and Catherine (Zimmerman) Buseck. Mr. Buseck was born in Germany in 1808 and his wife was a native of East Mill Creek, Pa., born in 1813. They were married in 1840, and were the parents of the following children: John C., born in 1842, died in 1919; Mrs. Farver; Edward E., born in 1851, died in 1921; Clemens, born in 1859, lives at Fairview, Pa.; Clarence W., twin brother of Clemens, died in 1871; George C., born in 1862, lives retired in Erie; and Cassie, the widow of John Sparling, lives at 358 West Seventh Street, Erie.

To Mr. and Mrs. Farver, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1918, seven children were born, as follows: (1) Harley W., born Dec. 20, 1868, a grape-grower, lives at North East, Pa., married in March, 1895, to Emma Parker of North East, Pa., and they have four children; H. Parker, born Dec. 24, 1900, married in June, 1923, to Anna Adler, and they have two children, Betty Jane and Harley Parker; Ruth Mary, born Dec. 20, 1902, married in November, 1923, to Haskell Miller, and they have a son, Elwood Miller; Helen Jane, born March 25, 1914; and Richard C., born Aug. 6, 1917. (2) S. Iona, born March 2, 1876, married May 1, 1902, to Edward M. Epp, furniture dealer of Erie, and they have two children: Herbert Verne Epp, born Nov. 26, 1903, a student at the University of West Virginia; and Bert E. Epp, born May 2, 1910, a student at Roosevelt, Jr., High School, Erie. (3) John, born Oct. 29, 1877, connected with the Continental Rubber Company, Erie, married in 1906 to Sadie Butt of Erie, and they have four children: Alice Marie, born March 4, 1907; Norman, born Jan. 28, 1910; Marion L., born May 17, 1919; and Elwood Butt, born Nov. 26, 1923, died in June, 1924. (4) Katie A., born June 14, 1871, died April 17, 1875, buried in Erie cemetery. (5) Estella, born Oct. 4, 1883, married June 11, 1921, to George T. Burger of Erie, and they reside with Mr. and Mrs. Farver. (6) Bert B., born Aug. 14, 1885, lives at Fairview, Pa., married in June, 1912, to Edith Pickett, of Erie, and they have three children: Clemens B. born March 21, 1913; L. Ione, born June 24, 1914; and John Burton, born Oct. 9, 1923. (7) Roy E., born April 7, 1889, lives in Erie, married May 29, 1910, to Edith Miller, of West Mill Creek, Pa., born July 8, 1888, and she died July 4, 1911, leaving a daughter, Evelyn L., born May 2, 1911, a student at Roosevelt, Jr., High School.

Mr. Farver has been a life long Republican. He served as treasurer of Mill Creek Township for three years, as a member of the West Mill Creek School Board for 12 years, and as tax collector for West Mill Creek

Township for six years. He is a charter member of the Lutheran Memorial Church, Erie, and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, Colonel Brown Post. Mr. Farver has always been known as an upright and honorable citizen of Erie County.

Laverne H. Raymond, representative in the Pennsylvania State Legislature from the Third District of Erie County, is a prominent and influential citizen of the county. He was born in Venango Township, Erie County, Dec. 29, 1867, the son of Elbridge and Mary (Yost) Raymond. His parents removed with him when he was about three months of age to Greenfield Township, where he has continuously resided since.

A native of New York, Elbridge Raymond was born Aug. 19, 1807, coming from New England ancestry, the Raymond family having removed from Rhode Island to Albany County, N. Y., in colonial days, where Mr. Raymond was born. When 17 years of age Elbridge Raymond came to Allegany County, N. Y., and for 20 years engaged in milling and assisted in building the Genesee canal. While there he met Almira Benedict of Norwich, N. Y., and married her. After the birth of three children in 1844 they removed to Erie County, where two other children were born, and in 1853 the mother died. Of this union only one daughter, Alice M., is living. Two sons served in the Civil War, Edwin, dying in service at Jefferson City, Mo., and Charles, dying at home in 1871, after serving the entire term of war. Elbridge Raymond served as postmaster of Greenfield from 1875 until 1885 and died there Feb. 4, 1890. After coming to Erie County he engaged in milling for a number of years, first operating a grist mill at Wattsburg, and later in Greenfield Township. He married Mary Yost Ensign in 1860. She was born in Venango Township, Erie County, Dec. 14, 1825, and died Dec. 19, 1915. To this union was born George E., born in 1861, died Oct. 9, 1878; and Laverne H., the subject of this sketch. He attended the township public school until 17 years of age when he entered Clark's Business College, Erie, and in 1887 he entered Edinboro State Normal School for one term only. He then taught school for several years in Greenfield and Venango Townships, and in October, 1890, entered upon a business career at Greenfield with the limited capital of $450. He opened a general store, a venture in which other men had previously failed. Succeeding from the first he gradually increased both his stock and his operations until it became the largest country store in the United States owned by an individual. Mr. Ray-

mond sold his business in 1919 to C. F. Sweet of Greenfield. He owns a modern dairy farm of 180 acres in Greenfield Township and his home is among the most beautiful in Erie County. Mr. Raymond is a director in the Standard Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, the Union Trust Company of Erie, and a stockholder in the First National Bank of North East.

Mr. Raymond is a Republican and in 1922 was elected a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature from the Third District of Erie County, and reelected in 1924 without an opposing vote. As this district was formed in 1920 he has been the first man to represent it. He has served as justice of the peace of Greenfield for six years, as township treasurer for two terms and as auditor one term.

On Oct. 1, 1890, Mr. Raymond was married to Miss Bertha A. Lewis, who was born at Mina, N. Y., March 13, 1869, the daughter of Elisha G. and Mary J. (Ridell) Lewis. She died at Cannes, France, Dec. 6, 1923, and is buried at Lowville, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond two children were born: Agnes M., born Oct. 1, 1891, married Dec. 31, 1924, to Lyle E. Markham, who is connected with the Winters Piano Company of Erie; and Harold L., born Sept. 28, 1896, is a World War veteran. He is an accomplished musician, has studied at Essen, Germany, Paris, France, and is at present studying at Lyons, France.

Mr. Raymond was married Dec. 29, 1924, to Frances Barney Volk, a native of Erie County, and at the time a teacher in the Wesleyville public schools.

Mr. Raymond is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Greenfield and is a 32nd degree Mason.

Walter A. Skellie is a substantial and well known citizen of Albion, where he is connected with the Bessemer Railroad as trainmaster. He was born in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1880, and is the son of W. R. and Jennie A. (Mattison) Skellie.

W. R. Skellie, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Sherman, N. Y., in March, 1844, and died at North East, in August, 1922. He served during the Civil War with Company D, 112th New York Volunteer Infantry. His wife, also a native of New York, lives at North East. To Mr. and Mrs. Skellie two children were born: Verna, born in 1877, married E. R. Hewit; and Walter A., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Hewit died at Albion in 1918. Mr. Hewit is still engaged in the drug business at Binghamton, N. Y.

Walter A. Skellie was educated in the public schools of North East and after completing his high school course he entered the employ of the Eureka Copper Works at North East, with whom he remained until May, 1899. He then came to Albion and became identified with the Bessemer Railroad as a freight trainman. On May 17, 1892, he was promoted to freight conductor and in July, 1917, was made assistant trainmaster. On Aug. 14, 1920, he was promoted to his present position as local trainmaster. His district covers territory between Conneaut Harbor and Greenville and the M. & L. Branch between Meadville and Linesville, Pa.

On June 6, 1905, Mr. Skellie was united in marriage with Miss Bess Barnes, a native of Albion, and the daughter of R. A. and Lucy (Harrington) Barnes, both deceased. Mr. Barnes was a prosperous and well known Albion merchant for 40 years and served as a member of the school board and city council. Mr. and Mrs. Skellie have two sons: Raymond Barnes, born Oct. 28, 1906, was graduated from the Albion High School in 1925; and Robert Harrington, born in January, 1908, was graduated in 1924 from the naval department of Culver Military Academy, Culver, Ind. He is now a student at Albion High School.

Mr. Skellie is esteemed throughout the community as a man of integrity and uprightness of character.

Raymond A. Johnson, vice president of the American Accountants Corporation, ranks among the representative and public spirited citizens of Erie. He was born at Lincolnville, Pa., May 27, 1888, and is the son of Damon E. and Alice L. Johnson.

Damon E. Johnson is a substantial business man of Erie, where he is engaged in the grocery and hardware business at 2927 Buffalo Rd.

Raymond E. Johnson attended the public and high schools of Lincolnville and was graduated from Edinboro State Normal School. From 1907 until 1916 he was in the employ of the Erie Lithograph Company and served as assistant secretary and treasurer. The following two years he was on the staff of Ernst & Ernst, certified public accountants of Cleveland. In 1919 he because associated with the auditing department of the Erie Brake Shoe and Foundry Company, and from 1919 until 1921 was a member of the firm of McCoy, Johnson & Smith. The following year he served as local representative and office manager for Scoville, Wellington & Company, certified public accountants of Boston. In 1923 Mr. Johnson engaged in business alone and since the end of that year has served as vice

president of the American Accountants Corporation. This is the largest accounting business in Erie and covers territory throughout this section of Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York. Their offices are in the Commerce Building.

Mr. Johnson is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is identified with the Erie Yacht Club, Erie Motor Club, Advertising Club, Lions Club, Y. M. C. A., Elks lodge and is a 32nd degree Mason.

George L. McEnteer is a veteran of the World War and a substantial citizen of Erie. He was born at New Bethlehem, Pa., April 24, 1889, and is the son of William John and Ellen (Gallagher) McEnteer.

William John McEnteer was born in Pennsylvania, April 12, 1854, and for many years was a prominent merchant of New Bethlehem, Pa., where he lived. He now resides in Liberty Park, Erie. His wife was born at East Brady, Pa., May 17, 1856. Mr. and Mrs. McEnteer had seven children, as follows: William C., born in January, 1877, lives at Erie; Thomas P., born in January, 1881, lives in Erie; Winifred A., born Oct. 1, 1883, married J. Howard Kelly, lives at Youngstown, Ohio; Boniface, born in March, 1885, married Thomas T. Quail, lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.; George L., the subject of this sketch; Francis Edward, mention of whom is made below; and Eugene M., born July 19, 1895, income tax collector, Erie, is a World War veteran, having served with the medical department, 9th Infantry, 2nd Division, in active service in France.

Francis Edward McEnteer volunteered for service during the Mexican trouble, at Kane, Pa., June 23, 1916, and served on the Mexican border with Company E, 16th Pennsylvania National Guard. On July 15, 1917, he was called into the service and sent to Camp Hancock, Ga., and later transferred to the federal service with Company E, 112th Regiment. He was killed in action in France, Sept. 27, 1918, on the second day of the Argonne Drive.

George L. McEnteer was reared and educated at Kane, Pa., and after completing his schooling entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in whose employ he remained until his enlistment in the army. He also served on the Mexican Border as a member of Company G, 16th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard. On July 15, 1917, he was sent to Camp Hancock, Georgia, and served overseas with Company E, 112th Infantry, 28th Division. Mr. McEnteer took part in the following im-

portant engagements: Second battle of the Marne; Aisne; Meuse-Argonne; and several other minor drives. He was gassed on Aug. 21, 1918, and sent to U. S. Field Hospital No. 110, where he remained for nine days. After returning to his company he was wounded in action, Sept. 26, 1918, being shot in the cheek. He was discharged at Camp Sherman, Ohio, March 26, 1919, and has since been located in Erie, where he is employed at his trade as an electric welder. Mr. McEnteer's home is at 826 Holland Street.

On Nov. 30, 1917, Mr. McEnteer was married to Miss Nellie G. Parsons, a native of Marienville, Pa., born Aug. 8, 1889, and the daughter of J. J. and M. (Eldridge) Parsons. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons are deceased. He was a Civil War veteran.

Mr. McEnteer has been active in work for the Disabled American Veterans Bureau, and is commander of the Erie chapter. He is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Cathedral and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Eagles and Moose lodges. Mr. McEnteer is esteemed as a reliable and dependable citizen of his community.

A. P. Saxer, a reliable and successful business man of Erie, who is proprietor of the Saxer Machinery Company, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born at Pittsburgh, Sept. 1, 1882, and is the son of A. P. and Catherine (Eichorne) Saxer.

A. P. Saxer, deceased, was a manufacturer during his life. He was born in Alsace-Loraine, April 1, 1849, and died in 1914. His wife was born in Pittsburgh, Sept. 18, 1859, and died in 1908. They are buried in Pittsburgh.

A. P. Saxer spent his boyhood in Pittsburgh and was graduated from high school there in 1899. He then learned the machinist trade and continued in that line until 1906, when he became connected with the Brown & Zertman Machine Company for two years. He then went with the Niles, Bement & Pond Machinery Company of New York and in 1910 became associated with the Manning, Maxwell & Moore Machine Company, with whom he remained until 1914. Mr. Saxer organized the Saxer Machinery Company during that year, having come to Erie in 1912. The business is located at 938 West 10th Street.

Mr. Saxer was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Adams, of Pittsburgh, and to them have been born three children: Virginia, born Jan. 24, 1905, was graduated from Central High School in 1923; Willa,

born Sept. 28, 1908, a student at Gridley High School; and Albert P., Jr., born Feb. 9, 1913.

Mr. Saxer is a Republican, a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Pittsburgh Shrine and Consistory. He is a man of industry and ability who has made a success of his work.

Francis Broughton, retired, is a highly respected citizen of East Springfield, and a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Crawford County, Pa., Aug. 12, 1844, and is the son of Micheal and Sally (Gillian) Broughton.

Michael Broughton was a native of Vermont and his wife was born in Philadelphia. They were early settlers of Crawford County, where Mr. Broughton engaged in general farming. He cleared 50 acres of land, built a log cabin, and besides his farming interests worked at his trade as a mason. To Mr. and Mrs. Broughton, deceased, the following children were born: William and Marietta, both deceased; Eli, a Civil War veteran, deceased; Truman, a Civil War veteran, deceased; Jane, deceased; Henry, a Civil War veteran, deceased; Pulaski, a Civil War veteran, deceased; Francis, the subject of this sketch; and Addison, a Civil War veteran, deceased.

Francis Broughton was reared and educated in Beaver Township, Crawford County, and when a young man became the owner of 102 acres of land, which he improved. He became a prosperous farmer and stockman and lived in Crawford County until 1910, when he removed to East Springfield, where he now lives retired.

During the Civil War Mr. Broughton enlisted in Company I, 2nd Pennsylvania Cavalry, and engaged in many important battles of the war, including Gettysburg, Spottsylvania and Cold Harbor. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

On Dec. 1, 1867, Mr. Broughton was married to Miss Agnes Miller, a native of Scotland, and the daughter of Andrew and Agnes (McArthur) Miller, who came to this country from Scotland in 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had eight children, as follows: Mary, Jessie, and Alexander, deceased; Mrs. Broughton; John, a Civil War veteran, deceased; Walter, lives at Painesville, Ohio; Charles and Jeanette, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Broughton had four children: Jessie, married Wayne Whitford, deceased; Walter, deceased; Ellen, died in infancy; and Sarah, married Lynn Drury, lives at East Springfield, Pa.

Mr. Broughton is a dependable citizen of Erie County. He is a Republican.

MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS BROUGHTON

James K. Barker, a dependable and well known citizen of Erie, where he is connected with the General Electric Company as chief clerk, is a member of a pioneer family of Erie County. He was born in this city, Jan. 22, 1889, and is the son of William W. and Evelyn (Staley) Barker.

William W. Baker was a native of Duncannon, Pa., and his wife was born at Harmarville, Pa. He was an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad for many years and died March 1, 1909. His wife lives at 2222 Myrtle Street, with her son, James K. To Mr. and Mrs. Barker were born four children, namely: Mayme, married Charles Kline, lives at Canton, Ohio; Joseph, lives in Erie; W. W., married Dorothy Stablein, lives in Erie; and James K., the subject of this sketch.

After completing his schooling in the public schools of Erie, James K. Barker engaged in office work. He has been in the employ of the General Electric Company for a number of years and holds a responsible position.

Mr. Barker was united in marriage with Miss Florence L. Taylor, of Erie, and they have two children: Marian Virginia, born May 7, 1915; and Mildred O., born Jan. 1, 1917.

Mr. Barker is identified with Presque Isle Commandery No. 499, Knights of Malta, and is recorder of the order, having been elected to the office in 1916. He is also past commander of the lodge. He is grand sentinel of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania and is the only member in this section of the state holding a grand office, to which he was appointed at Maryland, in May, 1924. During the last two sessions he was a delegate to the Grand Lodge. He is secretary of the Board of Directors of the Malta Temple Association. Mr. Barker is also a member of Presque Isle lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 7.

Milton W. Shreve, of Erie, is an able member of the bar of Pennsylvania and is now serving his third term in congress as a representative of the 29th Congressional District, which is composed of Erie and Crawford counties. He is a native of Crawford County, born May 3, 1858, and a son of the late Rev. Cyrus and Florella (Nourse) Shreve. His father was a faithful and beloved Baptist clergyman of Crawford County and vicinity for a period of more than half a century.

Rev. Cyrus Shreve was born in Bloomfield Township, Crawford County, July 23, 1825. He was a grandson of Richard and Margaret Shreve and descended, more remotely, from English nobility. In 1798 the great grandparents named came from Burlington, N. J., and settled at the head of Oil Creek Lake, now Lake Canadohta. Their son

Israel, the grandfather of Milton W., was born in 1794 and married Elizabeth Bloomfield, daughter of Thomas Bloomfield, and a companion of Richard Shreve, a Revolutionary soldier and such a prominent man generally that Bloomfield Township was named in his honor. Israel Shreve died in 1866 and his wife in 1880.

In the fall of 1851, when 26 years of age, Cyrus Shreve preached his first sermon and two years later assumed his first pastorate as a Baptist clergyman, his charges being at Bloomfield and Rockdale. On Sept. 10, 1853, he was ordained to the ministry and the following year returned to Bloomfield and in 1855 was instrumental in erecting the church which stands there today. In 1857 he resigned his pastorate there and for six years was in charge of churches at Chapmanville and Cherrytree, and then because of ill health withdrew from his ministerial work and returned to his farm in Bloomfield. Later he returned to the ministry and his last charge of nine years was at Centerville. Reverend Shreve died July 3, 1908. He was married Jan. 1, 1856, to Miss Florella Nourse, whose parents were natives of Vermont. They had two sons: Milton W., the subject of this sketch; and Dr. O. M. Shreve, a physician.

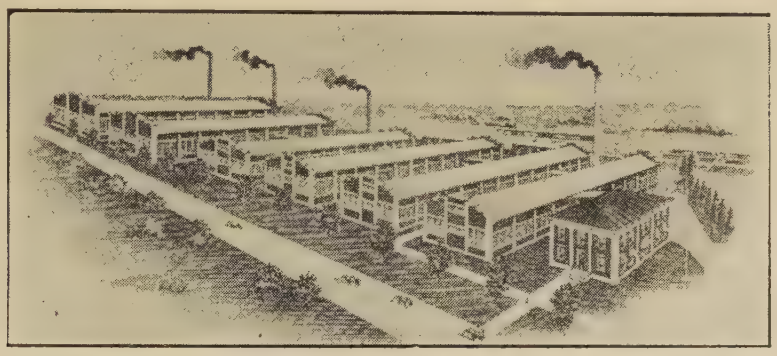
Milton W. Shreve obtained his preparatory education at Edinboro State Normal School, for two years afterward was a student at Allegheny College, Meadville, and later was graduated from Bucknell University in 1884. He read law, was admitted to both the state and the United States courts and has since been a prominent figure in both legal and public affairs. His practice, which of late years has been largely in business channels, has brought him financial interests in various financial and industrial concerns. He is a director in the People's Bank of Erie and in several manufactories.

In 1899 Mr. Shreve was elected district attorney of Erie County, and in 1900 served as chairman of the Republican County Committee. He was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1906 and reelected in 1908, serving in both sessions as a member of the committee on appropriations, in 1909 being honored by being chosen as chairman of the committee on mines and mining, and upon the death of Hon. John M. Cox was made speaker. He was elected to congress in 1920 and reelected in 1922 and 1924. He is a member of the Appropriations Committee and sub-chairman of the committee handling appropriations for Departments of State, Justice, Commerce and Labor.

Mr. Shreve is a member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, and the Country and Shrine clubs. In Masonry he is Past Eminent Commander of Mount Olivet Commandery, K. T., and Past Potentate of Zem Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

The Electric Materials Company, North East. This is a Pennsylvania corporation organized early in 1915, for the manufacture of copper, bronze, brass and steel products used principally in electric equipment.

The plant originally consisted of three manufacturing buildings and power plant, but has been increased from time to time until on Jan. 1, 1925, it consisted of a power plant, double the size of the original, a foundry, rolling mill, forge shop, two machine shops and a two story office building.



THE ELECTRIC MATERIALS COMPANY'S PLANT, NORTH EAST, PA.

The original Board of Directors consisted of George E. Pierce, F. B. Moorhead, A. S. Cooke, George N. Mackay, H. F. Eaton and O. C. Hirtzel. The officers were: George E. Pierce, president; F. B. Moorhead, vice president; N. P. Fuller, secretary; H. F. Eaton, chief engineer; and O. C. Hirtzel, treasurer.

The capital stock was originally $100,000.00, which was subsequently increased in 1917 to $150,000.00 and in 1920 to $250,000.00, fully paid in cash. The company has enjoyed a successful career from the beginning and is at this time employing approximately one hundred and fifty men and uses about three million pounds of copper per year.

William F. Schaller, mortician, is among the representative citizens of Erie, where he has spent his entire life. He was born Oct. 2, 1883, and is the son of John and Catherine (Spahn) Schaller.

John Schaller was a native of Buffalo, N. Y., born in 1850. His wife was a native of the same place and was born in 1852. He was an early settler of Erie, where he was associated with the Erie Elevator Company as foreman. He died in 1899 and his wife died in 1920. They

were members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Schaller the following children were born: John, lives in Erie; Elizabeth, lives in Erie; Catherine Shaffer, deceased; Bertha Halfast, lives in Erie; May Baldridge, lives in Erie; Lewis, lives in Erie; William F., the subject of this sketch; Vincent, lives in Erie; and Samuel, lives in Erie.

William F. Schaller attended the public and high schools of Erie, after which he entered the employ of W. J. Quinn, funeral director. Four years later he became associated with D. S. Hanley, county coroner, and after two years became a student at the Pittsburgh College of Embalming. After completing this course of study Mr. Schaller was connected with Flannery Brothers, undertakers of Pittsburgh, for ten years, and in 1921 returned to Erie, where he established his present business at 820 East Avenue. On April 1, 1925, he moved to 1038 West Eighth Street where he has a model funeral home. He is widely known in the community.

Mr. Schaller was united in marriage with Miss Eileen Crowley, of Erie, the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Cauley) Crowley. Mr. Crowley, who now resides at Turtle Point, Pa. was for many years a successful farmer. His wife is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Schaller have been born two children: John, born Dec. 1, 1918; and Paul E., born Oct. 6, 1921.

Mr. Schaller is a Republican, a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Elks lodge, the Eagles, and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is past president of the Erie Morticians Association.

Frank K. Ras is an enterprising and progressive business man of Erie, where he is proprietor of the Erie Auto Metal Works. He was born in Austria, and is the son of Frank and Sophia (Lennik) Ras.

Frank Ras died in Austria at the age of 38 years. He served in the army and was later employed by the government and held the office of road master. His wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ras had five children: Andrew, lives at Schenectady, N. Y.; Joseph; John; Anna; and Frank K., twin brother of Anna, and subject of this sketch.

At the age of 20 years Frank K. Ras came to this country and settled in Schenectady, N. Y. He was later located in Detroit and Pittsburgh and during the World War removed to Erie, where he was employed by the General Electric Company. He later returned to Detroit and in 1921 again came to Erie. Mr. Ras is an expert mechanic and in July, 1922,

established the Erie Auto Metal Works. He does general repair work as well as automobile painting. His shop is at 919 East Ninth Street.

In 1918 Mr. Ras was married to Miss Geneva Banki, of Erie, and they have five children: Francis, born in 1919; John, born in 1920; Sophia, died in infancy; Julia, born April 25, 1922; and Frank, born Sept. 15, 1924.

Mr. Ras is a Democrat, a member of the Catholic church and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

John L. Jordan, a well known merchant of Erie, engaged in the grocery and meat business, is a native of Pittsburgh. He was born Aug. 10, 1884, and is the son of Joseph and Mary (Kreb) Jordan.

Joseph Jordan was born in Pittsburgh, in 1854, and died there in 1907. He was a florist. His wife, a native of Louisville, Ky., now lives in Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan were the parents of seven children.

John L. Jordan was reared and educated in Pittsburgh and has always been interested in mercantile pursuits. After serving as manager of the Donahue Company, Pittsburgh, he was transferred to Erie to represent this firm as manager, in which capacity he served three years. Since September, 1924, he has conducted his place of business at 1310 Turnpike Street. He handles a good grade of merchandise and has already a well established trade.

On July 30, 1906, Mr. Jordan was united in marriage with Miss Ludwina Nock, of Pittsburgh, and the daughter of Joseph and Margaret Nock. Mr. Nock is deceased and his wife resides with the Jordan family. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan have a daughter, Dolores.

Politically Mr. Jordan is a Democrat. He is a member of the Catholic church and belongs to the Elks lodge, Kiwanis club, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. J. K. Morris, a well known optometrist of Erie, who is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in the Commerce Building, was born at Salisbury, Md., Dec. 2, 1884, and is a son of Jacob A. and Martha (Kent) Morris.

Jacob A. Morris was born in Wicomico County, Md., Nov. 21, 1849, and his wife was born there on Aug. 16, 1859. He engaged in the saw mill and lumber business until 1900 when his mills were destroyed by fire, and the loss of which was not covered by insurance. Mr. and Mrs.

Morris now live on a small farm in Maryland. Dr. J. K., the subject of this sketch is their only child.

Dr. J. K. Morris received his education in the public schools of Salisbury, Md., and after his graduation from an academy at Dover, Del., in 1902, he entered Jefferson Medical College, where he received his degree. His interne work was done in a New York city hospital, after which he spent six months in the Willis Eye Hospital, Philadelphia. Doctor Morris was later connected with the Castle Optical Company of Philadelphia and from there went to Buffalo, N. Y., where he studied under Dr. E. H. Hubble, one of the foremost eye specialists in this country. In January, 1909, he located in Erie, where he has a well established practice.

On Dec. 27, 1907, Doctor Morris was married at Philadelphia, to Miss Nellie M. Hern, of Laurel, Del., and the daughter of Frank M. and Wilhelmina (Scott) Hern. Doctor and Mrs. Morris have a son, Francis Kent.

Doctor Morris is identified with the Elks lodge, Knights of Pythias and the Erie Maennerchor.

Jacob A. Young, proprietor of the Erie Cleaning & Dyeing Company, ranks among the substantial business men of the city. He was born at Locust Summit, Cumberland County, Pa., May 4, 1883, and is the son of Valentine and Mary Young.

In 1891 the Young family established their residence in Erie, where Mr. Young engaged in the grocery business. He died in 1906 and his wife died in 1924. They were the parents of five children: Valentine; John G., one of Erie's leading bakers; Jacob A., the subject of this sketch; Barbara; and Catherine.

The Erie Cleaning & Dyeing Company was established by Mr. Young in 1905 at 31 South Park Row, and has developed into one of the thriving business enterprises of the city. Two service trucks are in operation and 15 people are employed by the plant. A new building, with modern equipment, is being erected at 302-8 East Sixth Street. Mr. Young also owns and operates three gasolene filling stations, which are known as Young's Filling Stations. This business was established in 1921 and the stations are located at 18th and Ash Streets, 8th and Myrtle Streets, and Sixth and German Streets.

Mr. Young was married to Miss Bessie Weindorf, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Weindorf, both deceased. They have a son, John Jacob, who was born Oct. 13, 1913. He is a student at St. Mary's School.

Mr. Young is a Democrat, a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Elks lodge. He is widely known and is one of the capable and far sighted business men of Erie.

T. P. Dunn is among the successful and prominent young attorneys of Erie. He was born here, Oct. 26, 1896, and is the son of Dr. Ira J. and Addie E. (Phillips) Dunn.

The Dunn family is one of the old western Pennsylvania families, having settled in Crawford County in the early part of the 18th century. The Phillips family are also pioneer settlers of that county. Dr. Ira J. Dunn is a widely known eye and ear specialist and has an extensive practice in Erie. A biography of Doctor Dunn appears in this history. Four children were born to Doctor and Mrs. Dunn: T. P., the subject of this sketch; Dr. F. Lowell, Omaha, Neb.; Suzanne, a social worker for the Associated Charities, Erie; and Florence, who conducts a concert bureau in Erie.

T. P. Dunn was reared in Erie and educated in the public schools of this city, and also attended Grove House School, London, Eng. He was graduated from high school in Erie in 1915, spent two years at Haverford College, and was graduated from the University of Chicago in 1919 with the degree of B. S. He then entered Harvard Law School and in 1922 received the degree of L.L.B. Mr. Dunn was admitted to the bar in 1923 and immediately became associated in the practice of law with S. Y. Rossiter, Erie.

Mr. Dunn is a Republican, a member of the Park Presbyterian Church and belongs to the University and Erie clubs and Elks lodge. He is unmarried.

F. Howard Thorne. Among the younger generation of Erie's successful business men is F. Howard Thorne, local manager of the Argus Manufacturing Company. A son of William B. and Caroline L. Thorne, he was born in Pittsburgh, Dec. 3, 1889.

William B. Thorne is a substantial business man of Williamsport, Pa., where he is engaged in the manufacturing line. His wife is deceased. They had two children: F. Howard, the subject of this sketch; and William B., Jr.

After attending the public schools of Pittsburgh, F. Howard Thorne was graduated from Wilmington Military Academy and the University

of Pittsburgh in 1918. For the past several years he has been connected with the Argus Manufacturing Company, and previous to this owned a furniture store in Erie, which was known as the F. Howard & Company. The Erie branch of the Argus Manufacturing Company was established in 1923 and Mr. Thorne is local manager. They are manufacturers of high grade paints and are nationally known.

On May 24, 1910, Mr. Thorne was united in marriage with Miss Edna L. Lanich, of Dublin, Ind., and they have two children: George L., born Aug. 1, 1915; and Howard Earl, born Nov. 18, 1917.

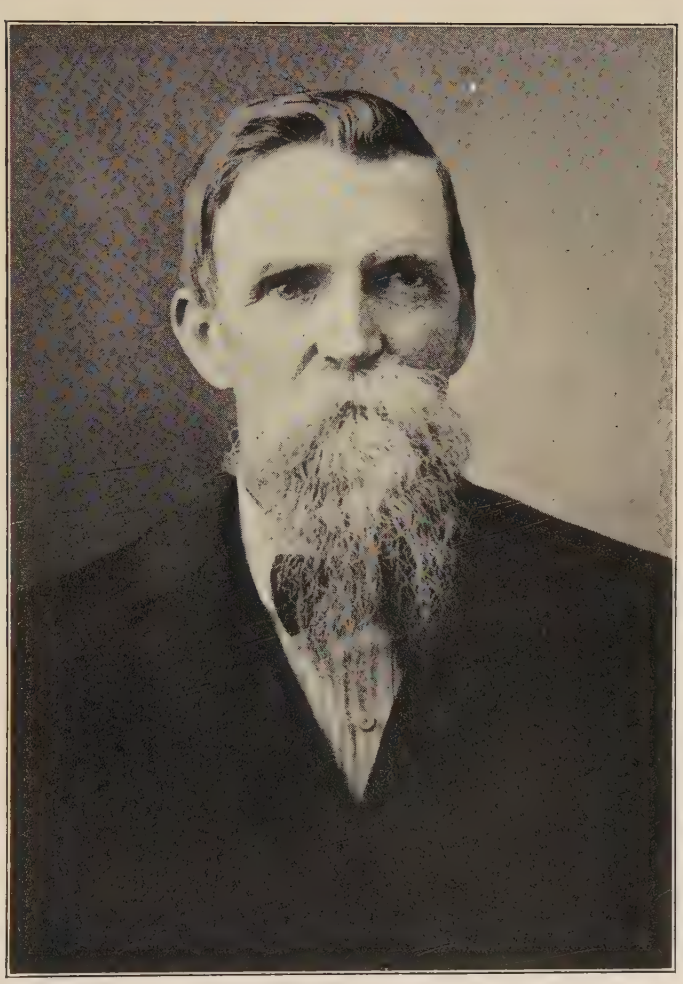
Mr. Thorne is identified with the Methodist church and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, being Master of Arms. He is intensely interested in all Pythian activities and is a substantial member of his community.

Archie Salisbury, a progressive and enterprising business man of Albion, is one of the well known and substantial citizens of Erie County. He was born here, May 4, 1875, and is the son of Lawrence H. and Adelaide (Morris) Salisbury.

Lawrence H. Salisbury, deceased, was a pioneer business man of this section. He was born in Girard Township, Erie County, in 1841, the son of Sanford and Sarah (Sawdey) Salisbury, natives of New York. Mr. Salisbury established the hardware business at Albion, which is now conducted by his son, in 1870. He died Aug. 30, 1917. He was one of the organizers of the Albion Telephone Company, the Citizens Bank, and was an active member of the school board for 21 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury, who were married in 1862, the following children were born: Clarence, who is associated with the L. H. Salisbury Company, lives at Albion; Leslie, engaged in the hardware business at Mason, Mich.; Earl, died in 1888; Ada, married Dr. H. C. Sturdevant, lives at Linesville, Pa.; Archie, the subject of this sketch; Ora, married Dr. G. P. Spaulding, lives in Albion; and Grace, deceased, was married to V. P. Lyman.

Archie Salisbury has always lived in Albion. When a young man he became interested in the hardware business with his father and since the latter's death has had complete charge of the business. Mr. Salisbury has an excellent trade and carries a fine grade of hardware and supplies.

Mr. Salisbury was married June 12, 1901, to Miss Katherine Reilley, a native of Girard and the daughter of George and Emma (Godfrey) Reilley, both deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury were born three daugh-



L. H. SALISBURY

ters: Dortha, a graduate of Oberlin College, now teaches in the Albion schools; Frances, a student at Allegheny College; and Adelaide, at home.

In politics Mr. Salisbury is identified with the Republican party and he has served as a member of the Albion school board for 15 years and as a member of the city council for two years. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

John J. Mead, Jr., vice president, secretary and general manager of the Times Publishing Company, is among Erie's enterprising and successful young business men. He was born in this city, June 11, 1896, and is the son of John J. and Mary (Boland) Mead, Sr. John J. Mead, Sr., is president of The Times Publishing Company.

John J. Mead, Jr., attended the public schools of Erie and Cathedral High School. He was graduated from Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., in 1919, and during the years 1920 and 1921 took postgraduate work at Columbia University. After a year in the offices of the New York Times, Mr. Mead returned to Erie, where he is now associated with The Times Publishing Company.

On Jan. 3, 1923, Mr. Mead was married to Miss Grace Mathews Finerty of Buffalo, N. Y. They have a son, John J. Mead, III, born April 13, 1924.

Mr. Mead is a Republican, a member of the Catholic church and belongs to the University club, Kahkwa club, the New York Advertising club, and the Knights of Columbus. During the World War Mr. Mead was a member of the U. S. Naval Reserves.

C. R. Cummins, amusement engineer, is well and favorably known in Erie, where he has engaged in business since 1908. He was born in this city Dec. 11, 1882, and is the son of John M. and Mary E. Cummins. Mr. Cummins died in 1889 and his wife resides in Erie.

After attending the public and high schools of Erie, C. R. Cummins was graduated from Case School of Applied Science in 1900. He then spent the following four years in Philadelphia as a chemical engineer with Queen & Company, after which he returned to Erie and engaged in the real estate business with Andrew Weschler. He later built and managed the Colonial Theater for Mr. Weschler for four years. From 1918 until 1921 he managed the Erie Exposition, the annual food shows, and has conducted the annual automobile show since 1919. He operated

the first motion picture machine in the state of Pennsylvania in 1897 and has also conducted exhibition airplane flights in Erie. Mr. Cummins is well known throughout this section of the country as he conducts sporting events and expositions of all kinds throughout Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia, as well as Ohio.

In 1901 Mr. Cummins was united in marriage with Miss Catherine M. Jordan of Erie, and they have a son, C. M., who was born May 3, 1902. He is engaged in business with his father.

Mr. Cummins is identified with the Elks and Masonic lodges.

Joseph H. Brennan, district traffic superintendent of the Bell Telephone Company, was born Feb. 11, 1897, and is the son of Robert and Jane (Pennington) Brennan, residents of State College, Pa.

Joseph H. Brennan spent his boyhood at home and was graduated from high school in 1916 and from Pennsylvania State College in 1920, where he studied commerce and financing. He then became connected with the Bell Telephone Company at Pittsburgh and after a year there was transferred to New Castle, Pa., as assistant traffic superintendent. Later he was located at Greensburg as acting superintendent and then sent to Pittsburgh. Since Jan. 1, 1924, he has been in Erie, where he is district traffic superintendent, handling all long distance service.

Mr. Brennan is a Republican, a member of the Methodist church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge, Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Chamber of Commerce, and the University Club, where he lives. He is an ambitious and progressive young business man, whose success in life is practically assured.

Claude Montague, district manager of the Bell Telephone Company, is well and favorably known in Erie. He was born at Ripley, Tenn., July 5, 1881, and is a son of A. W. and Hettie (Cherry) Montague.

A. W. Montague was a native of Tennessee, where he spent his entire life. He was a successful business man of Ripley and was also active in public life. He is now deceased.

Claude Montague was educated in the schools of Ripley, Tenn., and attended private schools at Union City and Nashville. In 1900 he became connected with the telephone business at Ripley as assistant wire chief, and the following year was transferred to Memphis, Tenn., as an inspector, where he remained three years. He then spent two years at

Nashville where he took a complete course in telephone work. From there he went to Madisonville, Ky., as assistant manager of the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Company of the Bell system. Later Mr. Montague went to Terre Haute, Ind., where he was identified with the Central Union Telephone Company. After a year as chief inspector at Shelbyville, Ind., he became associated with the Bell Telephone Company at Cambridge, Ohio. Before coming to Erie in May, 1922, Mr. Montague served as manager of the Bell Telephone Company at Parkersburg, W. Va., from 1908 to 1913, manager at Washington, Pa., from 1913 until 1920, and as sales supervisor in Pittsburgh from 1920 until 1922.

On Jan. 9, 1904, Mr. Montague was married to Miss Leora Sugg of Madisonville, Ky., and a daughter of J. W. and Frances Sugg. They have three children: Adolphus Wiley, Frances Virginia, and Homer Ross.

Mr. Montague is a member of the Erie Club, Knights of Pythias and Chamber of Commerce. He is esteemed throughout the community as a substantial and reliable business man.

Harold D. Gorman, a prosperous and well known young business man of Erie, is a member of a family that settled in Erie County during the early days. He is a member of the firm of McClelland-Gorman Motor Sales, Inc., Oldsmobile dealers. Mr. Gorman was born in LeBoeuf Township, Erie County, July 16, 1895, and is the son of William M. and Clara (Hadley) Gorman.

William M. Gorman, a leading farmer of LeBoeuf Township, was born in that township and is the son of Michael Gorman, who settled in Pennsylvania in 1859 and improved 140 acres of land. Mr. and Mrs. William M. Gorman, who still reside on their farm, have four children: Harold D., the subject of this sketch; Rexford; Gladys; and Francis.

Harold D. Gorman was educated in the public schools and attended Union City High School and Edinboro State Normal School. When a young man he became interested in the automobile business and conducted a garage at 28th and Parade streets, Erie. Later he engaged in business at Girard, Pa., and two years later purchased the West End Service Station at 26th and Washington streets. He also built a gasoline station at 26th and State Streets, which was later sold to the Penn Oil Company. He then purchased the business and lease of John F. Bieber, agency for the Oldsmobile automobile at 10th and Peach streets. Mr. Gorman sold out this business to W. E. McClelland, who then located

at 10th and Holland streets. Later, however, Mr. Gorman formed his present partnership with Mr. McClelland, and they rank among the leading automobile men of this section.

On March 27, 1920, Mr. Gorman was united in marriage with Miss Delia Roberts, of Waterford, Pa., and the daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Roberts, residents of Waterford.

Politically Mr. Gorman is a Republican. He holds membership in the United Brethren Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Gorman owns a fine farm of 125 acres in LeBoeuf Township. He is accounted an alert business man and is favorably known.

Charles R. Campbell is a prominent citizen of Erie, where he is identified with the Campbell School of Music. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born at Arnot, April 5, 1884, and the son of Edwin J. and Flora (Mourhess) Campbell.

Mr. Campbell was educated in the schools of Mansfield, Edinboro and Indiana, Pa., and in early life manifested a keen interest in the study of music. After serving as conductor of the Blossburg Marine Band, Blossburg, Pa., he was connected with the Westfield (Pa.) Military Band, and during the years 1909 and 1910 he was in charge of the music department of Bingham School, Mebane, N. C. From 1915 until 1919 he conducted the Losey Military Band School and from 1919 until the present time has been identified with the Campbell School of Music as principal. In 1917, Mr. Campbell organized the Campbell Concert Band, which is widely known through their municipal concerts.

The Campbell School of Music succeeded the Losey Military Band School in Erie and occupies the entire third floor of the Erie Trust Company Building. The present enrollment is 285 pupils. Branches of music taught are, all band and orchestral instruments, piano, voice, violin, cello, saxaphone and pipe organ.

On Sept. 11, 1910, Mr. Campbell was united in marriage with Miss J. Lydia Williams, a native of Wilkes Barre, Pa., and they have an adopted daughter, Charlotte Roberta Campbell.

Mr. Campbell and his wife are identified with the Presbyterian Church. He is a 32d degree Mason and a member of the Shrine and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Elks, Eagles and Orientals. He has an extensive acquaintance in Erie, is highly esteemed and recognized as a master of his art.

CHARLES R. CAMPBELL

W. P. Merritt, Jr., who is identified with the police department of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Warren, Pa., is a member of a family that has been prominent in Erie County for a number of years. He was born at Corry, Pa., July 24, 1888, and is the son of W. P. and Emma M. (Whitney) Merritt.

W. P. Merritt, who has engaged in general farming during his entire life, is a native of Pennsylvania, born July 20, 1863. His wife was born at French Creek, N. Y., April 20, 1858. To Mr. and Mrs. Merritt, who live near Corry, the following children were born: Bert, lives at Corry; Bertha, married Ray Laurie, lives at Corry; Rollin, lives at Warren, Pa.; Roy, lives near Corry; Russell, lives at home; and W. P., Jr., the subject of this sketch.

W. P. Merritt, Jr., spent his boyhood at Corry and was educated in the Wayne Township schools, Corry High School and Edinboro State Normal School. After completing his schooling he followed farming for four years, after which he became a member of the Corry police force. Four years later he became connected with the police department of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He resides at 615 Fourth Avenue, Warren, Pa.

On Sept. 13, 1913, Mr. Merritt was united in marriage with Miss Bessie F. Marts, who was born on Carter Hill, near Corry. She is the daughter of Loren T. and Adda (Cushing) Marts, residents of Corry. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt have a son, Kenneth O., born Feb. 22, 1915.

Politically, Mr. Merritt is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Elks lodge and the Knights of Pythias.

Andrew P. Weschler, president and manager of the Colonial Enterprises Company, Inc., is one of Erie's most active business men and substantial citizens. He was born in this city in 1873 and is the son of Jacob and Frances Weschler, both of whom are deceased.

A. P. Weschler has two sisters and a brother living, as follows: Mrs. Bena Leary, Erie, Pa.; Mrs. George W. Brown, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Joseph J. Weschler, Erie, Pa.

Mr. Weschler was educated in the public schools of Erie and when a young man became interested in real estate, in which he has been successfully engaged for a number of years. Among his noteworthy achievements is the opening of the Boulevard Park addition, which was annexed to the city of Erie through Mr. Weschler's untiring efforts. He spent

thousands of dollars improving this section, which is now one of the city's finest suburban sections. This addition was made part of Erie in 1907.

On Feb. 8, 1909, Mr. Weschler purchased the Tabernacle Church property which he converted into a modern vaudeville house, known as the Colonial Theatre. It is located on the west side of Peach Street between Ninth and Tenth streets, and is among Erie's attractive theatres.

William Robert Epp, sales manager of the Eriez Stove & Manufacturing Company, is a prominent business man of Erie. He was born at Fairview, Pa., Sept. 26, 1879, and is the son of Conrad and Pauline (Herbst) Epp.

Conrad Epp was born in Erie and his wife is a native of Wittenberg, Germany. He is a retired farmer and resides at 1132 West 26th Street. To Mr. and Mrs. Epp were born the following children: Frederick W., deceased; George S., lives at 1257 West 8th Street; Edward M., lives at 1046 West 26th Street; Mrs. J. S. Hutchings, lives at 1132 West 26th Street; Albert S., lives at 1151 West 27th Street; Arthur D., lives at 902 West 26th Street; and William Robert, the subject of this sketch.

William Robert Epp received his education in the schools of Fairview Township and in early life engaged in farming. He served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith trade and spent six months harvesting and threshing in western Kansas. He then engaged with the firm of Epp Brothers for eight years and for the past 18 years has been connected with the Eriez Stove & Manufacturing Company.

On Dec. 17, 1903, Mr. Epp was united in marriage with Miss Nellie G. Dickson, a native of Erie, and a daughter of Thomas H. and Elizabeth U. (McCrea) Dickson, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Erie. Mr. Dickson died July 23, 1908, and his wife resides at San Diego, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Epp have a daughter, Ruth A., now a student at Fairfax Hall, Waynesboro, Va.

Mr. Epp is a Republican, a member of the Park Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with the following lodges: Keystone lodge No. 455, Lodge of Perfection, Pittsburgh Consistory, 32nd degree, Temple Royal Arch Chapter No. 215, Erie, Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 30 K. T., Zem Zem Temple and U. C. T. No. 216.

Mrs. Harriet (Bowen) Fincken, of Erie, was born at Bryn Mawr, Wales, Jan. 19, 1888, and is the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Williams) Bowen.

William Bowen was born in Wales in 1847 and has spent his entire life there. His wife was born there in 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1914, are the parents of the following children: Catherine, Anna, Sarah, Elizabeth, Jack, all of whom reside in Wales; Keturah, married William Harding, and they have a son, William T., lives in Erie; Annie, lives in Wales; Lottie, married William D. Bowen, lives at Kingston, Pa.; Lilly and Rose, who live in Wales; and Harriet, the subject of this sketch.

Harriet Bowen spent her girlhood in England and was educated in the schools there. At an early age she came to the United States and settled in Erie, where she has since resided. In May, 1908, she was married to Percy Fincken, a native of London, England, born Dec. 9, 1889, and the son of Henry and Emma (Humphreys) Fincken, natives of England. Mr. Fincken is deceased and his widow lives in London. They had a daughter, Jessie, who lives in London also. Mrs. Fincken has a nephew, Oliver, born in England, and a niece, Ivy Bowen, born in 1914. They live at Kingston, Pa.

Mrs. Fincken is a member of the Church of Wales. She has a wide acquaintance in Erie and is highly esteemed. Her home is at 234 West 5th Street.

James F. Anthony is a progressive and enterprising young business man of Erie, where he is engaged in the dry cleaning business. He was born at Elmira, N. Y., Nov. 14, 1894, and is the son of John and Mary (Becker) Anthony.

John Anthony came to this country from Germany and settled in Erie, where he operated an electric crane at the Burke Electric Company. His wife is deceased. They had eight children, as follows: John W., lives in Cleveland; Hugh, lives in Cleveland; Edward, lives in Erie, is a World War veteran, having served with the 2nd Engineers; Margaret, married Adolph Dimelfelt, lives in Erie; Caroline, married Walter Shumacker, lives in Erie; Emma, married Harry Cray, lives in Erie; Rose, lives in Erie; and James F., the subject of this sketch.

James F. Anthony attended the public schools of Erie and when a boy worked in a grocery store. He learned the core making trade and

for three years was employed at the Erie Engine Works, after which he became interested in the dry cleaning and dyeing business. He was employed by the Erie Cleaning & Dyeing Company until 1920, then with Van's Dry Cleaning Company until October, 1922, when he established his present business at 2431 Peach Street. Mr. Anthony does high grade work and has established an excellent trade in Erie and the surrounding territory.

In 1915 Mr. Anthony was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Kennerknecht, who was born in this city, July 11, 1896. They have a son, Charles J., born May 24, 1916.

Politically, Mr. Anthony is a Republican.

Walter L. Blossom, general agent for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, is a leading business man of Erie. He was born at Shelbyville, Mich., Jan. 9, 1880, and is the son of Chauncey E. and Abigail (Whitney) Blossom.

Chauncey E. Blossom was born at Wausau, Wis., Feb. 5, 1843. He served throughout the Civil War with Company E, 13th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and died in 1922, at Big Rapids, Mich. In early life he worked at the carpenter trade but later engaged in general farming in Michigan. His wife, who was born at Piqua, Ohio, Aug. 23, 1848, resides at Big Rapids, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Blossom were the parents of seven children.

Walter L. Blossom received his education in the public schools of Big Rapids, Mich., and began his business career as private secretary to the general manager of the Munising (Mich.) Paper Company. He later was manager of the Insurance Department of the First National Bank at Negaunee, Mich., where he remained until 1910. From there he went to Traverse City, Mich., where he engaged in the insurance businss until 1916, at which time he removed to Erie and accepted his present position. Mr. Blossom employs a force of 18 men, besides his office force, and deals in life insurance exclusively.

On July 18, 1905, Mr. Blossom was united in marriage with Miss Amy G. Lang, the daughter of John and Patience (Powell) Lang, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Blossom have no children.

Mr. Blossom is a Republican, a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is esteemed as one of the progressive citizens of Erie.

Mrs. Helen (Davidson) Chaffee, the capable and well known postmaster of Wesleyville, was born at Graham, N. C., and is the daughter of C. A. and Isabella (Richmond) Davidson.

C. A. Davidson was born in 1848 and died in June, 1912. He was a farmer during his life and his widow now resides on the Davidson farm near Harbor Creek, Pa. They had four children: John R., lives retired in Erie; George C., lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Walter, lives at Harbor Creek, Pa.; and Mrs. Chaffee.

Helen Davidson grew up in Kingsville, Ohio, and attended the public and high schools there. She is a graduate of Fredonia Normal School and Edinboro Normal School and taught school in Erie County for 10 years before her marriage. She was appointed postmaster of Wesleyville in 1914 and has since served in that capacity.

In 1902 Miss Davidson was united in marriage with William E. Chaffee, of Stewart's Run, Pa., and the son of Henry and Catherine (Jamison) Chaffee, natives of Vermont and Scotland, respectively. Mr. Chaffee was killed in action during the Civil War and his wife is also deceased. William E. Chaffee is a prominent citizen of Wesleyville, where he conducts a grocery business and floral shop. He is also a director of the Bank of Wesleyville. Mr. and Mrs. Chaffee have a daughter, Isabel F., who was born Oct. 7, 1904. She is now a student at the Southern College, Petersburg, Va.

Mrs. Chaffee holds membership in the Presbyterian church. She has a wide circle of friends in Erie County and is favorably known.

Frank J. Schmid, secretary and manager of the Nickel Plate Milling Company, is among the successful and well known business men of Erie. He was born at Bradys Bend, Pa., Jan. 21, 1873, and is a son of J. H. and Josephine (Kramer) Schmid.

J. H. Schmid was born in Germany in 1842 and came to this country at the age of 26 years and located in Butler County, Pa. For a number of years he was a building contractor at Meadville, Pa., and later engaged in general farming. The last 25 years of his active career were spent in the lumber business. He now lives retired at Franklin, Pa. His wife died in 1922 at the age of 76 years. Mr. and Mrs. Schmid were the parents of eight children, two of whom are deceased.

Frank J. Schmid was educated in the district schools and at the age of 21 years engaged in the lumber business at Huntington, W. Va. Six

years later he went to Seattle, Wash., where he became foreman of the White River Lumber Company. After three years in that capacity he returned to West Virginia, where he was engaged in the oil business three years. In 1909 Mr. Schmid came to Erie, where in 1913 he organized the Erie Milling & Supply Company, which was sold in 1918. He then purchased an interest in the Nickel Plate Milling Company and since 1921 has served as secretary and manager. The Nickel Plate Milling Company is among the largest enterprises of its kind in Erie County and handles flour, feed, hay and grain. There is a branch office located at Wesleyville.

Philip Schmid, a brother of Frank J. Schmid, is president of the Nickel Plate Milling Company, and also resides in Erie. He was married to Miss Maud L. Wightman of Meadville, Pa.

In 1903 Frank J. Schmid was united in marriage with Miss Edna S. Smith, of Meadville, Pa., and they have three children: Ruth, married Marion Zurn, manager of the Zurn Manufacturing Company, lives at Erie; Dorothy Elizabeth, a student at Central High School, Erie; and John Henry, also a student.

Mr. Schmid is a Republican and belongs to the Elks lodge. He is an enterprising citizen of his community.

Alexander McFayden, proprietor of the Erie Milling & Supply Company, ranks among Erie's enterprising and successful business men. He was born at Waterford, Pa., June 20, 1859, the son of Alexander and Emmeline (Woodford) McFayden.

Alexander McFayden came to this country from Scotland with his parents when he was 13 years old. They settled on a farm in Waterford Township, Erie County. Mr. McFayden sailed the lakes for 20 years, after which he engaged in farming on the home place. He died in 1889 at the age of 74 years, and his wife, a native of Massachusetts, died at the age of 54 years. They were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Isabel Thomas, lives on the old homestead; William A., a druggist, lives in Erie; Alexander, the subject of this sketch; and Elizabeth, married Leon Sherwood, lives in Waterford Township; Finley, lives retired, in Erie; and John.

Alexander McFayden spent his boyhood on his father's farm and was educated in the schools at Waterford. After several years on the farm he engaged in the lumber business and in February, 1894, came to

Erie, where he became interested in the threshing business. In 1913, Mr. McFayden organized the Erie Milling & Supply Company, with W. G. Carroll and Frank Schmid. Four years later he purchased Mr. Carroll's interest in the business and the following year became sole owner. In connection with the milling business he operates a feed store. He ships his products in car load lots to New York city and other eastern points.

In 1916, Mr. McFayden was united in marriage with Miss Delcia Moore, a native of Erie. They have one child, Florence Ellen, born Jan. 6, 1921.

In politics, Mr. McFayden is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are highly esteemed members of their community.

George Godding, manager of the Presque Isle Electrical Manufacturing Company, is well known throughout Erie as an enterprising business man. He was born in England, Aug. 23, 1880, and is the son of George and Elizabeth (Lyford) Godding.

George Godding, deceased, spent his entire life in England, where he was engaged in the breeding of pheasants. He and his wife died in 1922, both being 63 years of age. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, died in 1922; George, the subject of this sketch; Charles, an invalid, lives retired in England; Redverse, who is engaged in the business established by his father in England; Mrs. Eliza Peach, lives in England; and Henrietta, who also resides in England.

George Godding spent his boyhood in his native land and came to this country in 1901, locating in Baltimore, where he was employed as an electrician, which trade he had learned in London. He served in the British army during the Boer War, after which he returned to Baltimore. While in the employ of Theodore Marbury, who was secretary to President Taft, Mr. Godding visited England every six months for a period of five years. He later came to Erie where he engaged in electrical work, repairing motors and generators. He has been manager of the Presque Isle Electrical Manufacturing Company since 1922. This company specializes in the manufacture of electric motors, and are located at 833 East 7th Street.

Mr. Godding was married in Erie to Miss Anna Christoph, the daughter of John Christoph. He died in 1918. Mrs. Godding's mother died

when she was three years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Godding two sons have been born: George John, born in July, 1912; and Frank Louis, born in March, 1916.

Mr. Godding and his family hold membership in the Catholic church and he belongs to the Elks lodge. Their home is at 2222 West 8th Street.

E. H. Scott, proprietor of the E. H. Scott Transportation Company, is widely known as a successful business man. He was born in Chicago, Dec. 14, 1874, and is a son of John H. and Alice (Smith) Scott.

John H. Scott was a native of Utica, N. Y., born in 1840. He died in 1923, at Beloit, Wis., and his wife, who was born in 1856, died at the age of 26 years, when E. H., the subject of this sketch, was eight years old. He was their only child.

E. H. Scott was reared and educated in Chicago. After several years spent with the Ringling Bros. circus, he entered the employ of the Downing Insurance Company of Erie. Later he enlisted in the navy and after four years' service he returned to his former employment at Erie. In 1902 Mr. Scott engaged in the livery business, beginning with only one horse. He has established one of the largest transfer businesses in this part of the country and specializes in long distance moving and freighting, his route being from Cleveland to Buffalo. He operates 108 automobile trucks.

On July 7, 1896, Mr. Scott was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Hain, the daughter of Michael and Mary Hain, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have no children.

Politically Mr. Scott is a Republican. He is a member of the Baptist Church, a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Elks Lodge. He is a reliable and excellent citizen of his community.

O. E. Olsen is a well known and substantial business man of Erie. He was born in Sweden Feb. 23, 1886, and is the son of Junner and Ingelorg (Thomson) Olsen.

Junner Olsen spent his entire life in Sweden and is now deceased. His wife is also deceased. They were the parents of ten children, five of whom are now living.

O. E. Olsen came to the United States when he was 16 years of age and settled in New York, where he was employed by the Brooklyn Cooper-

age Company in their lumber camp in the Adirondack mountains. He later farmed for a short time in New York state, after which he engaged in paper manufacturing. After varied experiences in business, Mr. Olsen became associated with the Flickenger Company of Jamestown, N. Y., in June, 1920. This company operates a chain system of grocery stores and Mr. Olsen has been proprietor of the Erie store since July, 1923. The business is located at 2101-09 Wallace Street.

In 1913, Mr. Olsen was married at Jamestown, N. Y., to Miss Hilda Lindblom, a native of that place, and to this union two children have been born: Eleanor, born in 1917; and Lawrence, born in 1919.

Mr. Olsen is a Republican and a member of the Swedish Missionary Church of Jamestown, N. Y.

F. R. Wright, who represents the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Erie, ranks among the prominent and successful business men of this section. He was born in Virginia, March 16, 1884, and is the son of William T. and Virginia (Hottel) Wright.

William T. Wright, deceased, was a native of Virginia, as was also his wife. He was a well known politician and teacher. They were the parents of nine children, five of whom are now living.

F. R. Wright lived in Virginia until he was 13 years of age and from there went to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he became associated with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in 1905. Mr. Wright was later located at East Liberty, Connellsville, and Oil City, Pa., and in January, 1920, was appointed manager of the local branch, with offices in the Commerce building. This is one of the leading insurance agencies in the city and employs 34 people.

On Feb. 6, 1907, Mr. Wright was married at Pittsburgh to Miss Janet P. Gray, a native of that place, and a daughter of Andrew and Sarah Gray, both deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Wright have been born five children, as follows: Sarah, died at Connellsville, Pa., at the age of eight years; Catherine, died in Oil City, Pa., at the age of 12 years; Lillian, born in 1918; Jack, born in 1921; and Wanda, born in 1923.

In politics Mr. Wright is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the Consistory and Shrine. He also belongs to the Kiwanis club, the Erie Motor club and the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Wright is a leading and representative citizen of his community.

C. S. McGavern is esteemed throughout the community as a prominent and successful business man. He is engaged in the insurance business with offices in the Commerce building, Erie. Mr. McGavern was born at Cambridge, N. Y., Nov. 20, 1878, and is a son of Rev. William and Mary L. (Welch) McGavern.

Rev. William McGavern was of Scotch-Irish descent. After coming to this country he settled in New York, where he died in 1922 at the age of 84 years. He was a minister of the Methodist church and was active until a short time before his death. His wife, a native of Wisconsin, now resides with her son, C. S. McGavern, and is now 74 years of age. There were eight children in the McGavern family, of whom C. S. was the oldest.

After attending the common schools, C. S. McGavern was graduated from Syracuse University. However, before attending college, he spent several years farming and teaching and was also employed in the clothing store of J. A. Adams in Buffalo. He was thus enabled to pay his own through college. In 1907 Mr. McGavern organized the Mercantile Sand Company of Erie, in which he was actively interested until 1918. He then went to Pittsburgh where he became associated with the Standard Life Insurance Company in their home office. In October, 1921, he was appointed general manager of the branch office in Erie. He has an extensive business and employs a large force of men.

Mr. McGavern was married to Miss Ada Lewis of Erie and the daughter of O. J. and Ollie (McNaul) Lewis. To this union have been born three children: Rosmer L., Merle L., and Ralph A., all students.

Mr. McGavern and his family are affiliated with the Methodist church, of which he has been Sunday School superintendent since coming to Erie. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, Consistory and Shrine, and belongs to the University club.

John Bannister, who is engaged in the grocery business at 2802 Ash Street, is among the enterprising and successful merchants of Erie. He was born in Erie County, July 4, 1892, and is a son of Joshua and Anna (Carr) Bannister.

Joshua Bannister was born in England in 1857 and was the son of J. J. Bannister, who brought his family to this country in 1859 and settled on a farm of 75 acres in Erie County. He died at the age of 76 years and is buried in the old Wales cemetery in East Green Township. His son, Joshua, engaged in farming on the home place and died in 1922, at the

age of 65 years. He was a prominent politician of his time and served as township commissioner and as school director. He was a member of the Wales Presbyterian church. His wife is a native of Ireland and now resides in Erie County. Mr. and Mrs. Bannister were the parents of the following children: Fred, resides at North East, Pa., where he is a member of the firm of Mead & Bannister, grain dealers; John, the subject of this sketch; H. G., twin brother of John, operates the home place; Mrs. Elizabeth Mead, lives at North East, Pa.; Nellie, married Herbert Nomomaque, lives at Harbor Creek, Pa.; and Ralph, a farmer, lives in Pennsylvania.

John Bannister grew up on his father's farm and attended the public schools of Venango Township. At the age of 21 years he purchased a farm in Green Township, Erie County, which he operated until 1922. The following eight months he spent in taking a trip south and in November of that year Mr. Bannister purchased his present place of business, where he carries a fine line of groceries and meats.

On May 24, 1914, Mr. Bannister was married to Miss Flora Dawley, a daughter of Andrew and Susan (Perry) Dawley, residents of Erie. Mrs. Bannister is a graduate of Edinboro College and taught school for several years before her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Bannister have been born three children: Winifred, born Feb. 4, 1916; Dorothy, born May 29, 1919; and Marion, born June 10, 1924.

Mr. Bannister is a Republican, a member of the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Elks lodge. He is a dependable citizen and the Bannister family stand high in the community.

Henry J. Depinet, a reliable and successful business man of Erie, was born there Nov. 1, 1874, and is the son of Michael and Mary (Strohmanger) Depinet.

Michael Depinet was a native of Erie County. He was a brick mason by trade and became a well known contractor in the city. He died in 1881 at the age of 57 years and his wife, who was born in Alsace-Lorraine, died in 1883, at the age of 47 years. They were the parents of nine children, eight of whom are now living.

Henry J. Depinet was an orphan at the age of nine years and lived at St. Joseph's orphans' home for a number of years. When a young man he learned the barber's trade and later engaged in brick mason work until 1900. He then engaged in the contracting business with his brother

Joseph, and they established the present mantel and tile business, which is located at 1707 Peach Street. After several years Mr. Depinet purchased his brother's interest in the business and continued as sole owner until 1912, at which time the Mehorn Brothers purchased a half interest in the business. They have an extensive trade and deal in all kinds of tile, marble, mantel pieces, and various building specialties.

In 1900 Mr. Depinet was married to Miss Lena Bohm, of Fairview, Pa. They have two children, Viola, a graduate of Erie High School and Erie Business College and now a bookkeeper for her father, and Marjorie, a high school student.

Mr. Depinet is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and belongs to the Elks lodge, the Kiwanis club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Erie Builders Exchange. He is a highly esteemed citizen of his community.

Arthur Charles Vicary. No record of Erie County would be complete without an adequate reference to the life and work of Arthur Charles Vicary, vice-president of the Erie Steam Shovel Company. Mr. Vicary was born at LeRoy, Genesee County, N. Y., Oct. 3, 1882, and is a son of Charles N. and Louise Haskins (Bailey) Vicary.

Charles N. Vicary was born at Morganville, N. Y., and moved his family from LeRoy, N. Y., to Canton, Ohio, in 1891. He was engaged in the mercantile and banking business during his life and met with considerable success. He was a public spirited citizen and was interested in practically every welfare movement in the community. He served as president of the Canton, Ohio, Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Red Cross, and for many years was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. On May 18, 1921, he died and was buried at Westlawn Cemetery, Canton, Ohio. His widow, a native of Bailey's Mills, N. Y., resides at Canton, Ohio. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Vicary, in addition to Arthur C. Vicary, the subject of this sketch: Grace Louise, who was the wife of John L. Pottorf, principal of McKinley High School, Canton, Ohio, she died Oct. 18, 1920; Marguerite Bailey Vicary, who lives at Canton, Ohio; Carolyn Charlotte, a graduate of LaSalle Seminary, Auburndale, Mass., and now a student at the Women's College, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Arthur Charles Vicary spent his boyhood at LeRoy, N. Y., and when nine years old went to Canton, Ohio, with his family, where he remained

until 1902, when he entered Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, O. He graduated from this institution in the mechanical engineering course in 1906. For a little over a year after his graduation he was connected with the Dean Electric Company, Elyria, Ohio, now the Garford Manufacturing Company, and then joined the forces of the Thew Shovel Company of Lorain, Ohio, with whom he was connected until Sept. 1, 1913. Mr. Vicary then located in Erie where he had interested the Ball Engine Company, now the Erie Steam Shovel Company, in the manufacture of Steam Shovels, which was a new line for this old and successful concern, which had been manufacturing steam engines for about 30 years.

At the time that Mr. Vicary's idea for the manufacture of steam shovels was accepted, only a small portion of the Ball Engine Company's plant was allotted to this work. Later the engine business was sold to a Pittsburgh concern, and the entire productive capacity of the plant, which has trebled in size since 1913, is devoted to the manufacture of power shovels.

The Erie Steam Shovel Company now produces as many of the small ½ yd. and ¾ yd. power shovels as all other manufacturers of this type of machines combined. There are today over 3,400 Erie shovels and cranes in operation, working in all parts of the world, but most numerous in the United States. The success of the Erie shovel is due to an efficient organization throughout all departments of the business, which is well financed.

Mr. Vicary's ability to follow the trend of the times in the power shovel industry, coupled with the financial strength and courage and the sound common sense of the officers of the Erie Steam Shovel Company, has made the development of this concern read like a romance in the industrial world.

Oct. 6, 1908, Mr. Vicary was married to Miss Mary DeWolfe Wilmarth, a native of Glens Falls, N. Y., a daughter of Clarence M. and Katherine F. (DeWolfe) Wilmarth, who were descendants of early settlers in that country. Mr. Wilmarth was of Welch and Holland Dutch descent and his wife is of French and North of Ireland descent. Mr. Wilmarth died Feb. 29, 1924, and his wife resides at Glens Falls, N. Y.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vicary have been born two children: James Wilmarth Vicary, a student at Choate School, Wallingford, Conn.; and Louise DeWolfe Vicary, who resides with her parents.

Mr. Vicary is a Republican, a member of the Park Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Masonic Order, and the Erie Kahkwa and University Clubs.

George J. Kaltenback is a substantial citizen of Erie and a member of one of the county's well known pioneer families. He was born in Erie, Jan. 25, 1882, and is the son of Jacob and Barbara (Schloss) Kaltenback.

Jacob Kaltenback, deceased, was born in Erie in 1849 and his wife is a native of Germany. He learned the harness making trade when a young man, but later became a merchant. He was a prominent politician of his time and served as fire commissioner for several years. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and died in 1917. His wife resides at 25 West 26th Street. To Mr. and Mrs. Kaltenback six children were born, as follows: Rose, at home; Anna, a dressmaker, lives at home; Frank, foreman of the Frye Construction Company of Erie; George, the subject of this sketch; Charles, plumbing inspector of Erie; and Edward, employed by the Erie Brewing Company.

George Kaltenback grew up in Erie and at the age of 16 years learned the plumber's trade, which he followed for several years. He then spent ten years in the employ of his father, after which he went back to his former trade. He is now employed by James Purcell, one of Erie's leading plumbers.

On June 23, 1908, Mr. Kaltenback was married in Pittsburgh to Miss Margaret Rothers, the daughter of Peter and Anna (Werner) Rothers. Mr. Rothers died in 1902 and his widow resides in Pittsburgh. To Mr. and Mrs. Kaltenback four children were born, as follows: Margaret, born Aug. 18, 1910; Marie, born Jan. 27, 1913; George Jr., born April 29, 1918; and one child died in infancy.

Mr. Kaltenback is a Republican, a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and a reliable citizen of his community.

Gustave Askownes, a progressive and enterprising merchant of Erie, engaged in the confectionery business, was born in Greece, Jan. 9, 1881, and is the son of Anthony and Bessie (Melonakos) Askownes.

Anthony Askownes is a native of Greece, as is his wife. He was a prominent politician of his native town and served as mayor for several years. In 1911 he came to this country, but returned to Greece in three years, where he lived retired. In 1921, however, he returned to Erie, where he now resides with his son. His wife also lives here. Mr. and Mrs. Askownes were the parents of eight children, of whom Gustave, the subject of this sketch, is the oldest.

Gustave Askownes spent his boyhood in his native land and re-

ceived his education there. In 1904 he came to this country and lived in Chicago four years, where he was engaged in the candy business. Upon his arrival in Erie he became a business partner with Harry Granakos, who owned confectionery stores at 702 State Street, 1102 State Street, and 624 State Street. In 1912 Mr. Askownes purchased the business and became sole owner. He ranks among Erie's leading candy makers and also manufactures ice cream.

In 1910 Mr. Askownes was united in marriage with Miss Hazel Salburg, of Ridgeway, Pa., who died the following year. On June 19, 1912, he was married to Miss Sarah Metgar, of Erie, and to this union one daughter was born, Virginia. Mrs. Askownes died Jan. 4, 1924, and is buried in Erie Cemetery.

Politically Mr. Askownes is a Republican. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Askownes is held in high regard throughout the entire community and is a reliable citizen.

Otto J. Mayo is well and favorably known in Erie, where he is proprietor of the Blue Ribbon Billiard and Bowling alleys, at 1018 State Street. He was born in this city Oct. 3, 1875, and is a son of F. Charles and Apollyanna (Martz) Mayo.

F. Charles Mayo was a native of Germany. At the age of 20 years he came to the United States and settled in Erie, where he successfully conducted a cafe for 40 years. He died in 1906 and is buried in Trinity cemetery. His wife, also a native of Germany, resides in Erie, and is 88 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Mayo were the parents of six children.

Otto J. Mayo spent his boyhood in Erie and attended the public schools. He became a professional bicycle rider and participated in many races throughout the country. In 1902 he took part in a six day race at Madison Square Garden, New York. Later, Mr. Mayo engaged in business with his father in Erie and after his father's death became an automobile dealer. On Aug. 1, 1923, he engaged in his present business, which is one of the oldest and most popular amusement places in the city.

On April 21, 1911, Mr. Mayo was married to Miss Louise Shoemaker, of Erie, and they have three children: Otto, born in 1912; Carl, born in 1914; and Helen Louise, born in 1916.

Mr. Mayo is a Republican, a member of the Catholic church and belongs to the Elks, Moose, and Eagle lodges.

Arthur F. Youngs is numbered among the most prominent of Erie County's fruit farmers, and is a member of an honored pioneer family of North East, where he has spent his entire life. He was born on a farm in North East Township, now owned by William Scouller, May 17, 1875, and is the son of Leonard G. and Mary (Covey) Youngs.

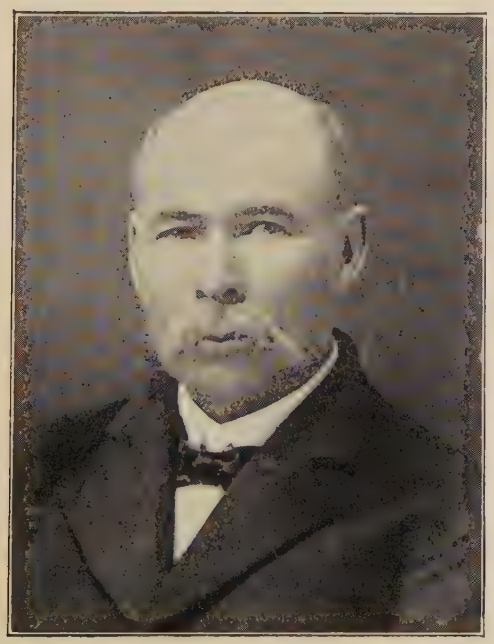
Leonard G. Youngs, also a native of North East Township, was born in 1851. He was a teacher in early life and later a railway mail clerk from Syracuse, N. Y., to Cleveland, Ohio, and from Cleveland to Chicago. For many years he has engaged in fruit farming and has met with marked success. He owns 53 acres of fine fruit land and in connection with this work he also is interested in nursery work. His wife, who was born in this township, died in 1913 and is buried in North East Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Youngs had four children: A. F., the subject of this sketch; Leonard N., unmarried, lives at home; Alfred J., a fruit farmer, lives on Gulf Road, North East Township; and Anna M., a teacher, lives in Idaho.

A. F. Youngs grew up on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He has always been intensely interested in fruit growing and is a member of the Keystone Fruit Growers' Association. He also conducts a vegetable and fruit stand and makes a specialty of catering to the home consumer.

Mr. Youngs was united in marriage with Miss Hattie T. Finn, a native of North East Township, who died Feb. 21, 1907, at the age of 36 years, leaving the following children: Ralph A., married Miss Dorotha Raymond, lives in North East Township; Richard Harland, married Miss Sarah Thompson, has a daughter, Martha Evangeline, and they live in North East Township; Mary Florence, was graduated from Pennsylvania State College in 1922, and married to Donald Huber, lives in Philadelphia, where she is a teacher, and her husband an engineer with the Bell Telephone Company of Philadelphia; Theodore Mark, married Miss Neva Swoap, lives at North East; and Harriet Maude, lives at home.

On Jan. 3, 1912, Mr. Youngs married Miss Jessie Farnsworth, a native of Greenfield Township, Erie County, and to this union a son has been born, James Rufus, born Oct. 20, 1921.

Politically, Mr. Youngs is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his family have a wide acquaintance in Erie County and are highly esteemed.



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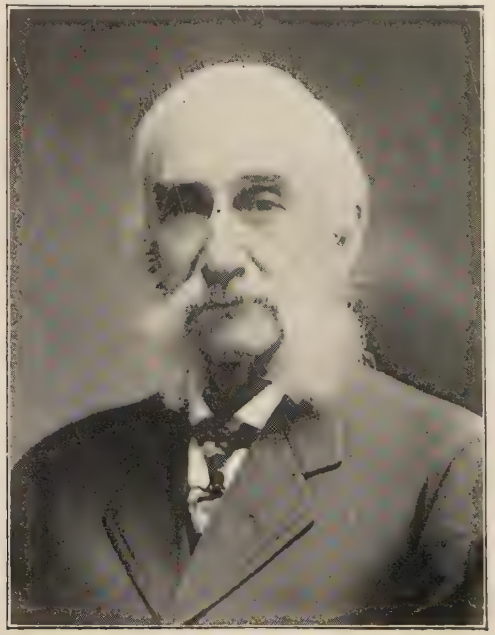

RICHARD S. FINN

F. L. Montgomery is well known in Erie, where he owns a tire shop at 1718 State Street. He was born at Wellsburg, Erie County, and is the son of Elmer and May (Wood) Montgomery.

Elmer Montgomery is a native of Wellsburg, as is also his wife. He has been connected with the Union Ice Company of Erie for the past 35 years and lives at 721 East 24th Street. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery have two children: Forrest, the subject of this sketch; and E. W., lives at home.

After attending the public schools of Erie, F. L. Montgomery learned his present business and for a number of years conducted a bicycle shop at 1922 Peach Street. After various locations in the city, he established his present shop in 1918. He does first class tire repair work and handles a complete line of automobile accessories. In the near future Mr. Montgomery intends to deal in used cars.

On June 27, 1907, Mr. Montgomery was united in marriage with Miss Edna Farrell, and they have two children: Marie, and Lee.

Mr. Montgomery is an independent voter. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and takes an active interest in the affairs of his community.

Alois Nagorski, who successfully conducts a tire repair shop at 1026 Parade Street, is favorably known in Erie. He was born in Poland, Nov. 29, 1883, and is the son of John and Frances Nagorski.

John Nagorski brought his family from Poland to this country in 1888 and settled in Erie, where he became a successful building contractor. He was a mason by trade and did a great deal of stone work in this city, including St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. After a serious illness, Mr. Nagorski was forced to give up his contracting work and then engaged in the grocery business for 13 years. He died in 1916 and his wife now resides in Erie with her children. Mr. and Mrs. Nagorski had 11 children, as follows: Francis, a prominent attorney of Erie; John, a merchant, lives in Erie; Alois, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Josephine Maserk, lives in Erie; Joseph, engaged in the automobile business, Erie; Herbert, deceased; Susanne, lives with her mother; Carl, lives in Erie; one child died in infancy; and Cassimer, who is studying for the priesthood; and Julia, at home.

Alois Nagorski spent his boyhood in this city and attended the parochial schools. At the age of 14 years he sought employment to help in the education of his younger brothers and sisters. He was a machinist.

Later, he conducted the Kearsage Inn, a hotel purchased by his father. After 11 years in this work, he returned to his trade as machinist and after the World War engaged in the tire business at 319 East 12th Street for one year and in 1918 purchased his present place of business. Mr. Nagorski has a very complete tire shop and specializes in re-treading and vulcanizing.

On Nov. 28, 1915, Mr. Nagorski was united in marriage with Miss Constance Stegelske, of Dunkirk, N. Y. They have three children: Dorothea, Constance, and Reta.

Mr. Nagorski and his family hold membership in the Catholic church and he belongs to the Eagles lodge.

Manuel Cochanides, owner and proprietor of the Perry Lunch Room, is a progressive business man of Erie. He was born in Greece, Aug. 15, 1883, and is a son of George and Lyola Cochanides, residents of Greece.

Manuel Cochanides came to this country in 1906 and settled in Buffalo, N. Y., where he remained until 1915. His brother, Mello, is engaged in the restaurant business with him. The Perry Lunch Room which is located at 30 West 12th Street, is widely known for its good food.

On Sept. 28, 1912, Manuel Cochanides was married to Miss Helen Junnidy, and they have two children, Catherine and Francis.

Mello Cochanides was married to Miss Cecelia Kathoske, of Buffalo, and they have four children, Francis, Dorothy, Irene and Mary.

Messrs. Cochanides are members of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Harry Billingsley, a successful business man and highly esteemed citizen of Erie, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in California, Pa., Aug. 1, 1873, and is the son of Jacob and Margaret (McCain) Billingsley.

Jacob Billingsley, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at California, Pa., and spent his entire life on a farm. He died in 1903, and his wife also died in that year. Mr. and Mrs. Billingsley had three children: Harry, the subject of this sketch; Mary, married Louis Cornell, lives at California, Pa.; and Warren, lives at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Harry Billingsley spent his boyhood on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools. When a young man he became interested in the sign business and for 16 years conducted a shop at McKees-

port, Pa. In 1911 he removed to Erie where he has since conducted Billingsley's Sign Shop.

On July 18, 1893, Mr. Billingsley was married to Miss Halania Queen, a native of Centerville, Pa. They have nine children, as follows: Ralph, Hobart, James, Borland, Margaret, Virginia, deceased, Charles, Ruth, and Harrison, deceased.

Mr. Billingsley is a member of the Methodist church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

O. W. Bracken is a veteran of the World War and a prominent young business man of Corry, where he is engaged in the wholesale grocery business. He was born in Corry, Nov. 18, 1892, and is the son of Charles H. and Florence (Williams) Bracken.

Charles H. Bracken, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Columbus, Pa., and at an early date removed to Corry, where in 1871 he established the present grocery business with his brother, DeWitt L. Bracken. During the Civil War he enlisted from Warren County, Pa., and served with the First New York Engineers. He was a Democrat and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Bracken died April 28, 1919, and his wife died Aug. 15, 1920. They were the parents of four children: Herbert, engaged in the wholesale tobacco business at Seattle, Wash.; Angeline, married G. M. Simmons, lives at Corry; Bernice, married L. A. Davis, general manager of the American Radiator Company, Buffalo, N. Y.; and O. W., the subject of this sketch.

O. W. Bracken received his education in the public and high schools of Corry and also attended the University of Pennsylvania. After completing his schooling he engaged in business with his father, and at the latter's death, became part owner of the business. Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Simmons are partners in the business.

On July 25, 1918, Mr. Bracken volunteered for service in the World War and was stationed with the navy at the Great Lakes Training Station in Chicago, and later was transferred to Hampton Roads, Va. He was discharged Dec. 23, 1918.

On Nov. 27, 1917, Mr. Bracken was united in marriage with Miss Vellah B. Morgan, who was born at Corry, April 15, 1892, and the daughter of A. R. and Estelle (Dean) Morgan. Mr. Morgan was a well known business man of Corry for many years and now lives retired at North East. His wife died in January, 1915. Mrs. Bracken was their only

child. To O. W. and Vellah B. (Morgan) Bracken have been born three children: Robert, born Nov. 1, 1919; Charles, born June 5, 1921; and Olan, born Nov. 9, 1923.

Mr. Bracken is a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic lodge and the Chamber of Commerce.

P. Gustave Schaper, a well-known citizen of Erie, who is connected with the Charles H. Fry Construction Company as vice-president, is a member of a family that has long been identified with Erie County. He was born in Mill Creek Township, in 1887, and is a son of August Henry and Mary (Schneider) Schaper.

August Henry Schaper, deceased, was a leading building contractor of Erie. He was born in Hanover, Germany, Dec. 1, 1849. It was during this year that his father, George Schaper, died, and soon after his mother emigrated to America, bringing two sons, August Henry and Ferdinand. In 1871 he engaged at his trade in Erie and soon after formed a partnership with George Buhl in the milling business, and in 1881 erected Schaper Mills. This firm existed until 1892, when Mr. Buhl's interest was purchased by Mr. Schaper, who became an extensive building contractor. He died in December, 1921, and his wife resides on West 25th Street, Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Schaper were the parents of 13 children, nine of whom are now living. Christ, Thomas, and Urban Schaper are also identified with the Fry Construction Company.

P. Gustave Schaper was reared and educated in Erie County and in 1903 removed to the City of Erie with his parents, where he attended high school. In 1905 he became connected with the U. S. Horseshoe plant, and in 1909 went west to North Dakota, where he remained two years. Upon his return to Erie he became associated in the contracting business with his brother, Charles, and in December, 1917, formed a partnership with Mr. Fry. They are extensive contractors, specializing in road building and do a million dollars' worth of business a year. Between 300 and 400 men are employed.

Mr. Schaper was married to Miss Florence Miller, the daughter of Gustave and Luella Miller, residents of Erie. They have two children: Robert, born in 1918; and David, born in 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. Schaper are members of the Lutheran Church and he is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Elks' Lodge.

Michael A. Martin is among the highly esteemed and prominent business men of Erie. He was born in Rochester N. Y., Aug. 31, 1891, and is the son of Louis J. and Lucille (Valentine) Martin.

Louis J. Martin is a native of Schenectady, N. Y., born in 1864, and his wife was born at Rochester, N. Y., in 1868. He has engaged in the general contracting business practically his entire life, and lives in Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have five children, as follows: Michael A., the subject of this sketch; Susan May, lives in Rochester, N. Y.; John, lives in Rochester; and Frank and Raymond, twins, live in Rochester.

Michael A. Martin attended the public schools of Rochester. At an early age he became interested in the plumbing business and in 1918 established his present business, which is located at 1701 State Street.

The Martin Company are wholesale and retail dealers in plumbing and electrical goods, as well as pumps, water softeners, etc. Their territory covers Pennsylvania, Western New York and Eastern Ohio. Mr. Martin employs 40 people, including 18 salesmen.

On March 17, 1921, Mr. Martin was married to Miss Marguerite E. McEvoy, of Forestville, N. Y., and a daughter of Thomas and Grace (Moss) McEvoy. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have a son, Thomas, born May 1, 1922.

Mr. Martin is identified with the Engineering Society of America, is a member of the Catholic church and belongs to the Elks lodge, the Erie Maennerchor, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Raymond W. Nelson, chief of the fire department and well known business man of North East, is a veteran of the World War. He was born here, Oct. 2, 1888, and is a son of Alfred T. and Gustavia (Jackson) Nelson.

Alfred T. Nelson was born in Sweden in 1859 and his wife was born there in 1861. They were married at Mayville, N. Y., in 1882, located at North East, where Mr. Nelson has since been a substantial business man. He is a cement contractor and is still actively engaged in business. To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson five children were born, of whom Raymond W., the subject of this sketch, is the oldest.

Raymond W. Nelson was reared in North East and educated in the public schools. At an early age he engaged in the livery and ice business and is still interested in the latter. He was appointed fire chief in 1919.

During the World War Mr. Nelson served with the 315th Field

Artillery, 80th Division, and spent a year in active service in France. He was discharged in May, 1919.

On Dec. 10, 1924, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Klinger, a native of Erie.

Mr. Nelson is a Republican, a member of the English Lutheran Church, and belongs to the Elks and Eagles lodges and the American Legion. He is a progressive young man and well liked throughout the community.

Dr. J. William Janniere is well and favorably known in Erie where he is engaged in the practice of Naturopathy. He was born in Jamaica, West Indies, July 4, 1881, and is the son of Joseph and Mary Janniere, both deceased.

J. William Janniere attended the schools of Kingston and was graduated from St. George's College, a Jesuit college. After completing his hospital work in his native land, Doctor Janniere came to the United States in 1906 and established a practice in New York City, where he remained for eight years. He was graduated from the National College of Therapeutics in 1921 and then located in Erie, where he has a well established practice. Doctor Janniere specializes in electro-physio-therapeutics. His office is at 228 East 11th Street.

On June 4, 1919, Doctor Janniere was married to Miss Ruth I. Stewart, of New Haven, Conn., and they have two children: Marie E. and William James.

Doctor Janniere is a Republican, a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World.

Francis A. Loveland, vice-president and treasurer of the J. W. & A. P. Howard Leather Company, is a highly respected and well known citizen of Corry. He was born at Wellsville, N. Y., Nov. 10, 1859, and is the son of William and Polly N. (Wear) Loveland.

William Loveland was born in England and when a young man came to America, locating at Wellsville, N. Y. Later he removed to Corry with the J. W. & A. P. Howard Company. He was superintendent of the local plant for a number of years and died in 1904. Mr. Loveland was a Democrat and held many township offices. He was a member of the Episcopal Church. His wife died in 1894. To Mr. and Mrs. Loveland ten children

were born as follows: Melissa, married Daniel Howles, lives in Illinois; Amanda, married Thomas Burdick, lives at Alfred, N. Y.; James, lives in New York; Walter, deceased; Francis A., the subject of this sketch; George, deceased; Lillian, married Thomas Lamma, lives in California; Mary Jane, married Daniel Currier, lives in Corry; Ellen, married James Hall, lives at Columbus, Pa.; and Anna, an army nurse, lives at Denver, Colo.

Francis A. Loveland was educated in the Corry schools and when a young boy entered the employ of the J. W. & A. P. Howard Leather Company, which was organized in 1867. He has served as vice-president and treasurer since 1898. The products of this company were awarded first prizes at the Centennial Exposition, the World's Fair, and the St. Louis Exposition. It is among the leading industries of the county.

On Nov. 10, 1881, Mr. Loveland was united in marriage with Miss Sarah B. Schultz, a native of New York, and to this union four children were born as follows: Frank M., superintendent and chemist in the Howard plant; Clarence C., who has charge of the shipping department in the Howard plant; Howard, a foreman in the plant; and Eva, married Edwin Schwenrich, tariff commissioner, at Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Loveland have five grand-children.

Mr. Loveland is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has served as a member of the school board for a number of years and as trustee of Edinboro Normal School for eight years. Mr. Loveland has always been an energetic man and stands well in the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

Arthur D. Colegrove, editor of the Corry Evening Journal, is widely and favorably known in Erie County. He was born in Corry in 1891 and is the son of A. D. and Nettie (Smutz) Colegrove.

A. D. Colegrove, deceased, was a leading citizen of Corry during his life. He was born here in 1854 and died Dec. 17, 1919. In 1902 he established the Corry Evening Journal and became well known in newspaper circles. He was a life long Democrat and served as local postmaster from 1914 until the time of his death, being appointed during President Wilson's administration. He also served as superintendent of schools for 21 years. On Dec. 31, 1883, Mr. Colegrove was married to Miss Nettie Smutz, who was born at Ridgeway, Pa., in 1860. She lives at 341 Euclid Street, Corry. To Mr. and Mrs. Colegrove two sons were born: Walter

E., who was killed in a hunting accident in 1900; and Arthur D., the subject of this sketch.

Arthur D. Colegrove received his education in the public and high schools of Corry and has always been interested in the publishing business. Since his father's death in 1919 he has been publisher and editor of the Corry Evening Journal, one of the live daily newspapers of the county. The plant was built in 1913 and is equipped throughout with modern printing machinery and the latest newspaper telegraphic system.

On Nov. 26, 1913, Mr. Colegrove was united in marriage with Miss Mary Woodring, who was born in Erie, July 3, 1890, the daughter of James A. Woodring. They have three children: Jeanette, born Oct. 1, 1914; Catherine, born Jan. 30, 1916; and Harriet, born Feb. 1, 1918.

Mr. Colegrove is a Democrat.

Waters George Moffatt, president of the American Accountants Corporation, is recognized as one of the representative business men of Erie. He was born at Sherbrooke, Quebec, March 8, 1878, and is the son of Eleazer and Emmeline A. (Woodrow) Moffatt.

Eleazer Moffatt was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and was a chartered accountant. When a young man he removed to Canada, where he died in 1890. His wife died in 1920, and they are buried at Lenoxville, Quebec. To Mr. and Mrs. Moffatt were born three children: Walter J., an accountant, lives in New York City; Waters George, the subject of this sketch; and Winifred, married Herbert C. King, assistant secretary and treasurer of the city of Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Waters George Moffatt was educated in the schools of his home town and before coming to Erie in December, 1919, held many responsible positions. He was chief of staff of the well known firm of certified public accountants, Searle, Nicholson, Okey & Hill, 52 Broadway, New York City; was office manager and assistant treasurer of Clark Brothers Company of Olean, N. Y., manufacturers of saw mill machinery and engines; office manager and chief accountant for Griscom-Spencer Company, New York City, for three years; assistant auditor for the International Steam Pump Company, New York City; and manager of the archive department of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Boston.

The American Accountants Corporation was organized July 1, 1923, with the following officers: Waters George Moffatt, president; Raymond A. Johnson, vice-president; H. C. Walford, secretary; and S. R. Root treasurer.

They specialize in public accounting, cost accounting, auditing, install bookkeeping systems, and do general appraisal work. The territory covered by the company includes Pennsylvania, western New York and eastern Ohio.

On March 18, 1909, Mr. Moffatt was united in marriage with Miss Lois G. Davis, a daughter of Harry E. and Nellie (Butts) Davis. She was born at Cuba, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1888, and educated in the schools of Belmont, N. Y., and St. Elizabeth's Academy at Allegany, N. Y.

Politically, Mr. Moffatt is a Republican. He is a member of the Park Presbyterian Church, a 32nd degree Mason, belongs to the Erie Advertising Club, the Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the National Association of Cost Accountants. In 1924 he was president of the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Moffatt stands high in the community and has many friends and acquaintances.

E. A. Wheeler is a substantial and well known citizen of Union City, where he is engaged in business. He was born in Crawford County, Pa., June 20, 1869, and is the son of J. W. and Ada (Clark) Wheeler.

J. W. Wheeler, deceased, was a native of Crawford County, and a son of Lorenzo Wheeler, who was the son of Abraham Wheeler, one of Crawford County's earliest and most prominent citizens. J. W. Wheeler was a blacksmith and also followed general farming. He died Dec. 21, 1923, and his wife died in January, 1918. They had ten children, as follows: William, lives at Titusville, Pa.; Elmer, deceased; E. A., the subject of this sketch; Frank, Albert, and Marietta, all deceased; Jessie, married Edward Murdock, lives in Crawford County; Lena, deceased; Myrtle, lives at Meadville, Pa.; and Bishop, died in infancy.

After completing his schooling in Crawford County, E. A. Wheeler learned the trade of plasterer, which he has followed since 1889. He has lived in Erie County since 1908 and is engaged in the contracting business at Union City.

Mr. Wheeler was united in marriage with Miss Lillian Shreve, born in Bloomfield Township, Crawford County, Nov. 11, 1876, and the daughter of Seth and Alma (Burge) Shreve, both deceased. Mr. Shreve served during the Civil War in Company A, 16th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry, and died May 31, 1901. His wife died in September, 1899. They were the parents of the following children: Solan, deceased; Florence, married Charles Moore, lives in Texas; Smith, lives in Illinois; Helen May, lives in Crawford County, married Oscar Lawrence; Albert, lives in

Canada; Jane, the widow of John Lyman, lives in Union City; Susie, married William Fossett, lives in Conneaut, Ohio; and Mrs. Wheeler. To Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler were born three children: Ruth, married Barrett Barstow, lives in Union City; Clarence, engaged in business with his father; and Gertrude, born Oct. 7, 1904, died in 1908.

Mr. Wheeler is identified with the Republican party in politics. He is one of the community's reliable and dependable business men.

Harvey L. Walter, of the firm of Stork & Walter, agents for the Chrysler and Maxwell automobiles at Fairview, is among the enterprising and successful young business men of Erie County. He was born in West Mill Creek Township, Erie County, Feb. 26, 1891, and is the son of Charles and Nancy (Pinney) Walter. Mr. and Mrs. Walter, who are residents of West Mill Creek Township, have four children: Harrison, Harvey L., Ralph and Laura.

Harvey L. Walter attended the public and high schools of Fairview Township and before taking his college work was employed by M. H. Taylor, of Erie. He spent two years at the University of Pennsylvania, where he studied horticulture, and in 1913 returned to the employ of Mr. Taylor, with whom he remained until 1917. He then enlisted in the army for service during the World War and spent 16 months in the motor transport service at Camp Merritt. In 1920 Mr. Walter established his present business at Fairview.

The Stork & Walter Company own and operate one of the finest garages between Erie and Cleveland, and are located on the main highway. They are dealers in high grade automobile accessories and tires and have storage space for 40 cars. The building which is of modern fireproof construction, is 60 x 100 feet.

Mr. Walter is a Republican and is affiliated with the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Carl F. Stork is well and favorably known among the successful business men of Erie County, and is identified with the firm of Stork & Walter, agents for the Chrysler and Maxwell automobiles at Fairview. He was born at Manchester, Erie County, April 27, 1887, and is the son of George and Elizabeth (Schumacher) Stork.

George Stork, deceased, was a native of Erie County. He was a well known mason contractor at Manchester until his death in 1923. His

widow lives at Manchester. They were the parents of eight children: Elizabeth, Emma, Sophia, George, Carl F., Edward, Louis and Herman.

Carl F. Stork was educated in the public schools of Manchester and after completing his schooling he went to Erie, where he was employed by the Kohlmiller Dye Works for six and one-half years; for five and one-half years was chauffeur for Mrs. F. L. Chapin. Since 1920 he has engaged in the automobile business at Fairview and with Harvey L. Walter conducts an up-to-date garage.

Mr. Stork served throughout the World War as a member of the motor transport corps and spent almost two years in France. He was discharged June 19, 1919.

On June 17, 1922, Mr. Stork was married to Mrs. Bertha Ruhl Maguire, of Girard, Pa. They have a daughter, Eloise, born April 21, 1923.

Mr. Stork is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Moose and Elk lodges. He is a Republican.

William H. Yeager is a veteran of the World War and a successful young business man of Girard. He was born here, March 22, 1892, and is the son of Lewis and Anna (Wirtz) Yeager.

Lewis Yeager was a native of Germany and a pioneer settler of Girard, where he followed his trade as a shoemaker. He was a Democrat, a member of the Lutheran Church, and a charter member of the Masonic lodge. He died Jan. 29, 1915, and is buried in the Girard Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Yeager three children were born: William H., the subject of this sketch; Fred C., lives in Girard; and Louise, a high school teacher in Girard.

After completing his education in the public schools of Girard, William H. Yeager learned the printer's trade. He is associated with the Dispatch Printing & Engraving Company, Erie. During the World War, Mr. Yeager served overseas for 14 months with the 42nd Division and saw active service in many important battles and drives of the war. He was discharged in May, 1919.

On Nov. 23, 1920, Mr. Yeager was united in marriage with Miss Marie Smith, a native of Girard, born Aug. 11, 1891, and the daughter of Eugene and Caroline (Miller) Smith. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith died in 1920, leaving the following children: Maude, assistant superintendent of

the Sunnyside Home for Girls, Girard; James; Benjamin, deceased; and Mrs. Yeager. By a former marriage to Miss Keziah Caughey, Mr. Smith had four children: Margaret, the widow of Charles Willis, lives at Girard; George, lives at Girard; Mary, the widow of Thomas Moorehead, lives in Cleveland; and Frank, deceased.

Mr. Yeager is a Republican and a member of the Universalist Church.

Matthew Griswold, deceased, ranked among the leading pioneer business men of Erie County. He was born at Old Lyme, Conn., June 6, 1833, the son of Matthew and Phoebe (Ely) Griswold.

Matthew Griswold, Sr., began the study of medicine, but after the sudden death of his father, he returned home and operated the farm and took care of his mother. He spent his entire life at Lyme, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold had eight children: Catherine, Lydia, Marion, Phebe, Ellen, Elizabeth, Fannie, and Matthew, the subject of this sketch.

Matthew Griswold spent the first 30 years of his life on the home farm at Lyme, Conn., and engaged in farming. He was a member at one time of the Connecticut legislature. In 1865 he removed to Erie and entered into partnership with Samuel Selden, the business being known as the Selden & Griswold Mfg. Co., until about 1884 when Mr. Griswold bought out the Selden interest, and from that time until his death he was connected with the Griswold Manufacturing Company. He died May 19, 1919, and his wife died in February, 1871. They are buried in Erie.

Mr. Griswold was married first in 1862 to Miss Sarah L. Olmstead, a native of Erie, and the daughter of Lemuel G. and Sarah (Marvin) Olmstead, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. Mr. Griswold was later married in 1876 to Miss Annie B. Schenk, of Philadelphia, and the daughter of William Edward and Jane (Torry) Schenk. Mr. Griswold had seven children: Matthew, lives in Erie; Marvin E., lives in Erie; W. E. S., lives in New York City; R. W., lives in Erie; Eli, lives in Erie; Dwight and Jane Whittemore Griswold, both deceased; Sarah (Olmstead) Griswold, Mr. Griswold's first wife, was a granddaughter of Elihu Marvin, who was also Mr. Griswold's great-uncle. Mr. Marvin with his brother, Enoch Marvin, were among the earliest settlers of Erie County, coming here from Connecticut about 1830.

Mr. Griswold was a Republican and a member of the Park Presbyterian Church. He was well known in Erie County and was one of the representative men of his community.

MATTHEW GRISWOLD

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The Keystone Cooperative Grape Association, North East, is non-stock, non-profit and is incorporated under the Pennsylvania cooperative law that was enacted in the year of 1919. The association is purely co-operative and the only dividends being returned are patronage dividends returned to its members on a pro rata basis as to the amount of individual purchases or the amount of fruits given to the association for sale. The Keystone Cooperative Grape Association was incorporated in December, 1921, and started business after purchasing the business of the old Keystone Company, in January, 1922.

Its object is to act as purchasing agent for farm supplies, to be sold to the members, consisting of baskets, fertilizers, spray material and general farm supplies, and also to act as selling agent for its members in disposing of their crops, such as grapes, cherries, prunes, currants and other small fruits.

Back in 1896, there sprung up a Grape Union known as the "Chautauqua and Erie Grape Company", with its head office at Brocton, New York. The Grape Union represented about 90 per cent. of the total acreage of the Chautauqua and Erie grape belt. It had eight sub-divisions with their local managers, but the local manager had nothing to do with the selling of grapes grown and handled by the sub-division. One sales committee, located at Westfield, New York, sold all the grapes for its entire membership.

Prior to the organization of this Chautauqua and Erie Grape Company the method of marketing was through individual shippers, and up to this time, there were practically no outright sales, either for cash or credit, all business being done on a consigned commission basis.

The first cooperative organization deserves much credit for establishing the method of selling grapes outright on a cash basis. This accomplishment alone proved of great help in securing better returns, for the farmers and also put the selling of grapes on a business basis.

In 1901 the growers in the Erie County, Pennsylvania, grape district decided that owing to their increase in acreage, they could aid the individual grower much better by having a separate association represented in their district. The result was that the Keystone Grape Company was organized and chartered under the corporation law of Pennsylvania.

This company was necessarily a stock company as there was at that time no legal provisions for non-stock corporations; but the stock was

distributed only to growers of grapes, somewhat upon an acreage basis, and the business was from the beginning managed upon lines somewhat similar to those later adopted under our new co-operative laws. The company was, from the beginning, controlled by directors who were grape growers and the aim was betterment of the industry rather than profits on the stock. The company was notably successful and, when absorbed by the new association, had a fine established business.

In the spring of 1921, meetings were held by many of the grape growers of Erie County, with the advice and assistance of the Pennsylvania State Bureau of Markets, a new cooperative association was formed. This association was organized under the Pennsylvania cooperative law of 1919 and was chartered under the name of the "Northwestern Pennsylvania Fruit Association."

An arrangement was then entered into between this new association and the Keystone Grape Company, under the terms of which the new association took over the good will of the company and the real estate consisting of office building, warehouse and basket factory, at the appraisal of $20,000.00. The name of the association was changed to "Keystone Cooperative Grape Association", the directors of the Keystone Grape Company were elected directors of the new cooperative association.

In order to provide the funds for this transaction, the members were asked to purchase three year, 6 per cent. certificates of indebtedness of the Association. The members responded by purchasing the entire amount. This transaction was completed on January 1, 1922, and the business has since been conducted by the Association.

December 31st, 1924, the Keystone Cooperative Grape Association at the close of its business, 1924, had about five thousand (5,000) acres of grapes under contract with its members. This acreage represents about 57 per cent. of the total acreage of Erie County, Pennsylvania.

Its membership is composed of 250 Concord grape growers, beginning on the east at the state line, New York, and extending west to the township of Harbor Creek, Pa.

The membership at the close of the year 1924 showed an increase of about one hundred (100) new members in two years' time. And the Association did not lose a single member in 1922 or 1923 except those who sold their farms and discontinued farming.

The Keystone sold for its members during the past three years as follows: In 1922, 8,700 tons of Concord grapes, equivalent to 780 cars;

in 1923, 5,100 tons of Concord grapes, equivalent to 465 cars; in 1924, 8,222 tons of Concord grapes, equivalent to 800 cars. The grapes handled by the Association are loaded on ten different loading stations on the New York Central and Nickel Plate Railroad Company lines.

The results for the past three years were: In 1922, total sales, $684,425.02; surplus savings, $14,578.37. In 1923, total sales, $509,630.13; surplus savings, $10,042.19. In 1924, total sales, $715,294.73; surplus savings, $15,689.94. During the past three years of existence of the Keystone Cooperative Grape Association, they have paid back to their members of 1922, patronage dividends amounting to $14,326.00.

Each member in joining the Association must pay an initial membership fee of $5.00 and sign a contract and give a note based on the number of acres of grapes owned or leased by him. The amount of note is determined on the basis of $10.00 per acre of grapes, plus $25.00. The note may be made to collect damages from a member who violates his contract and they are also the emergency capital which enables the Association to obtain proper credit rating.

The officers and directors elected at the members' annual meeting, January, 1925, for the ensuing year, are as follows: President, D. C. Bostwick; vice-president, G. Will Butt; secretary, Archie D. Phillips; treasurer and manager, H. Harold Meyer. Directors: D. C. Bostwick, C. E. Leet, G. W. Butt, A. D. Phillips, F. B. Crawford, A. B. Robinson, I. H. Russell, J. W. Orton, C. A. Bell, J. P. Bingham, M. H. Smith, H. H. Meyer.

Jonathan B. Cessna, lawyer, was born in Bedford County, Pa., March 24, 1840, son of William and Rachel (Norgart) Cessna, and a descendant of Jean Cessna, a French Huguenot, who settled at Friend's Cove, Pa., in 1690; from him and his wife, Priscilla, the line is traced through their son John, who was killed by the Indians near Shippensburg, Pa., and his wife, ————; their son, John, and his wife, ————; their son, John, and his wife, ————; and their son, John, and his wife, ————; who were the grandparents of the subject of this sketch. John Cessna, his great-grandfather, was a member of the constitutional convention of 1774, which drafted the first constitution of the State of Pennsylvania; he also served as major during the Revolutionary War, and was with General Washington in suppressing the Whiskey Insurrection in western Pennsylvania; he served three terms as sheriff of Bedford County, having

been chosen to that office in 1779, 1781 and 1783. John Cessna, our subject's brother, was for many years a leading politician of Pennsylvania, was speaker of the House of the State Legislature for three terms, and three times represented the 18th Congressional District in Congress.

Jonathan B. Cessna received his preparatory education in the Allegheny Male and Female Academy at Bainsburg, Pa., and was graduated at the Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa., in 1864, and subsequently received second college degree, M. A. The following year he was admitted to the bar in Bedford County, and practiced law in that and other counties until April, 1885, when he removed to Hastings, Nebr. He had been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in May, 1868, and in January, 1876, was admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court on motion of Hon. Jeremiah Black. Before his removal to the West, Mr. Cessna was connected with a number of important cases, among them that of Noble vs. The Thompson Oil Co., in which $50,000 was involved and a number of intricate points were in controversy; also another case in the oil regions between Thompson, Noble and Delemater, the amount involved being more than $100,000. In the West he was employed in a number of cases that attracted wide attention, including the Keedle Case contest in the U. S. Supreme Court of private land claims, to recover a very valuable tract of land in New Mexico worth several millions of dollars; this suit was instituted by the heirs of John G. Heath by virtue of a grant of land to him by the Mexican Government in 1821, and was one of the most important cases in litigation in recent years. He was attorney for C. L. Jones against the Railway Company in an important case in Illinois, a case to recover triple damages for illegal charges of freight under the railroad law of that state. While in Hastings, Mr. Cessna also made a specialty of land and equity suits, yet did not exclude general practice, except in the branch of criminal law. In 1905 he removed to Erie, Pa., where as usual he has always given special attention to land and equity cases. In a recent case, involving real estate of $200,000 held in trust, after argument of two days he had the distinction of winning success on every proposition he argued. In politics he has been a Republican since 1862. Having fallen on a pitchfork in 1854, he has been lame ever since, and never saw active service in the Civil War. He is deeply interested in all public questions, local and national, frequently writing and speaking on issues involving the general uplift of humanity. Among his subjects are: "Progression is the Law of Na-

ture"; "Our Duties as Citizens to Our Republic"; "The Relation of Education to American Institutions"; "The Growing West"; "The Constitution of the United States"; "The Progress and Growth of Civil Government"; "Foreign Attachment"; "Proceeding in Rem"; "Woman Suffrage"; and "The United States as a World Power in Securing International Peace"; "Rate-Making by Commission" appeared in the North America Review for January, 1906. This article was quoted in Congressional Records during the passage of the bill, pronounced a complete answer to Attorney General Olney's article in a previous North American Review and a clear legal justification and support for the passage of the Act.

Many authorities are cited, proving conclusively that rate-making by commissions established by Congress and Legislatures was constitutional; that these bodies had a right to fix rates prima facie valid and reasonable in all courts; that such action is not a delegation of legislative power, illegal and void. The leading authority cited was C. B. and Q. R. R. Co. vs. Jones, 149 Ill. 37 N. E. 247.

In 1882 some 47 parallel cases were brought in various courts of Illinois. They were in and out of the State and Federal Courts for eight years when Cessna became interested. The Jones Case was brought from the Federal Court to the State Court, and tried at Galesburg. Judgment for $2,808 and $1,200 attorney fees paid by defendant to plaintiff's attorneys. All other cases were settled and dismissed. No plaintiff in the 47 cases in principle identical only different in amount of claim was ever successful. Jones' original claim was filed for treble damages; if also for single damages, judgment would have been several times larger. Amendment asked was barred by statute of limitation. This is one of the best considered cases in rate-making by commission to be found in the books. Appeal taken to the U. S. Supreme Court; judgment paid before called there for trial.

During the World War, he was active in the "Four Minute Campaign" making many speeches in theatres, at fairs and school houses and other public places, and was recognized at Washington as one of the oldest, if not the oldest, active campaign speaker in the service.

He was married June 12, 1872, to Katherine U., daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth A. Brown, of Erie, Pa., and they have two sons—W. Brown Cessna of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Reon B. Cessna of Kansas City, Mo., both traveling salesmen of the Monarch Manufacturing Co. of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Richard H. Beyer, a successful and well known jeweler of Erie, was born in Hirschberg, Silesia, Prussia, May 15, 1878, and comes of a race of watchmakers.

The Beyer family have been watchmakers in Silesia, Prussia, since the year 1750. Richard H. Beyer was educated in the public schools of Hirschberg, and after learning the watchmaking trade he came to this country in 1895 and entered the employ of his uncle in Erie. He has since been continuously engaged in that work and has a fine jewelry store at 16th and Peach Streets and a well established trade.

On April 16, 1902, Mr. Beyer was united in marriage with Miss Mary Feichtner of Erie, and they have two children: Richard L., born April 27, 1905, a student at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.; and Walter E., born May 14, 1907, also a student.

Mr. Beyer is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church, a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Shrine. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

LaGrand Skinner, inventor, manufacturer and financier, and founder of the Skinner Engine Company, was born at Pooleville, Madison County, N. Y., May 23, 1845, and is a son of Frank and Charlotte (Eaton) Skinner.

Frank Skinner moved from New York to New Jersey, where he died in 1907 at the age of 84 years. His wife was a native of Pooleville, N. Y., whose father was a pioneer woolen manufacturer of Springfield, Mass. She died in 1901.

The boyhood days of LaGrand Skinner were spent in the little town of Eaton, where he went to reside with an uncle when he was 16 years of age. This uncle (Wood) was the second manufacturer of portable engines in the United States, and was an earnest and valued instructor to his ambitious nephew, who remained with him until 1868. During this period Mr. Skinner was not only perfecting himself in the manufacturing business, but spent considerable time in the tool room of the Remington Arms Manufacturing Company, at Ilion, N. Y. In 1868 he constructed his first engine after his own design, his work being conducted in a little shop built on the site where stood the little log cabin which had been built by his maternal grandfather. After remaining in service for about 16 years, this first product of Mr. Skinner's inventive and mechanical talent came again into his possession. In 1871 he began the manufacture of engines at Chittenango, N. Y., subsequently conducted a like business in

Chicago for a time and on July 3, 1873, established a small manufacturing plant in the Lilley shop, Erie. In 1875 he formed a partnership with Thomas Wood, and the firm of Skinner & Wood occupied a new shop for their business, erected by the late John Selden in 1877, and in 1881 the proprietors built a plant themselves at the corner of 12th and Chestnut street. The firm of Skinner & Wood was dissolved in 1883, and for the succeeding two years Mr. Skinner conducted the business alone, but in 1885 the Skinner Engine Company was incorporated with Mr. Skinner as president. He was also one of the organizers of the Union Iron Works.

Mr. Skinner was married to Miss Hannah Harrington, a native of Chittenango, N. Y., and a daughter of P. D. Harrington. Two children were born to them: Allen David, connected with the Skinner Engine Company, Erie, and Helen, who died at the age of six years.

M. Levant Davis is a distinguished member of the Erie County bar. He was born in Waterford Township, Erie County, April 5, 1868, and is the son of Minor M. and Linnie E. (Williams) Davis.

The Davis family was established in America when Daniel Davis came over from his native country of Wales about the year 1759 and settled on Long Island. He had two sons, William and Zophar, the latter named being born Oct. 7, 1769, and the great-grandfather of M. Levant Davis, the subject of this sketch. Zophar Davis was married to Lois Porter, a daughter of a Vermont family, and they moved to Erie County in 1816 and were among the first settlers of Washington Township. William Davis, one of their sons, was born Nov. 27, 1812, and he married Louisa Thomas. To them was born Minor M. Davis, father of our subject. He was born in Washington Township, April 5, 1843, but lived nearly all his life in Waterford Township. He served in the War of the Rebellion and was a farmer during his early life. In 1885 he removed his family to Waterford, and became a prominent merchant. He died April 25, 1907, and his wife continued to reside at Waterford. To Mr. and Mrs. Davis were born the following children: M. Levant, the subject of this sketch; Maude; Bertha A., married Harry L. Merritt, of Waterford, Pa.; and Shirley A. Davis.

M. Levant Davis received his early education in the district schools of Waterford Township and also attended Waterford Academy. He taught two winter terms of school, worked in his father's store during vacations, and was taken into the business as a partner in 1889. Having

determined to prepare himself for the legal profession, Mr. Davis entered the law department of the University of Michigan in 1891, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in the class of 1893. After being admitted to the bar he went to Chicago and in 1895 returned to Waterford, where he gave his attention principally to the mercantile business until 1900, when he took up his residence in the city of Erie, and was admitted to the bar of Erie County. In 1902 he was elected to the office of district attorney of Erie County.

On April 27, 1909, Mr. Davis was married to Miss Hildegarde McClelland, a daughter of William and Mary McClelland. Her people resided at Champaign, Ill., at the time of her birth, but after her mother's death she was reared by her grandparents, Thomas and Mary McClelland, of Erie.

In politics Mr. Davis is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and he is identified with various business and fraternal organizations of the city.

Charles I. Indich, a popular and successful cafeteria owner of Erie, was born in Austria, April 14, 1890, and is the son of Abraham and Adelia (Herbst) Indich, natives of Austria. Mr. Indich is deceased and his wife resides in Republic of Poland. He was born in 1860, began life as a farmer and cattle trader and at the time of his death in April, 1905, he was engaged in the lumber and real estate business. Abraham Indich and Adelia Herbst were married Dec. 12, 1883 and 10 children were born to them, as follows: Gisella, married L. Lefkowitz; Sarah, married M. Gollman; Emanuel, Charles I., the subject of this sketch, Rose, Regina, Isadore, Herman, Meyer, and Isaac, deceased.

Charles I. Indich came to the United States when he was 16 years of age, unaided and with little funds. He was employed as a waiter in various hotels, and by hard work as an apprentice and careful study, Mr. Indich made a success of the restaurant business. He served as manager of the Kahkwa Club for five years, as manager of the Erie Yacht Club for three years; as manager of the Reed House cafeteria for one year; and was the owner of the Arbor Inn cafeteria on State Street for one year. For the past two and one-half years he has successfully managed the Y. M. C. A. cafeteria.

On Oct. 28, 1914, Mr. Indich was married to Miss Clara A. Schmitz, a native of Erie and the daughter of Robert and Selena Schmitz, natives of

Germany. Mr. Schmitz died at the age of 68 years and his widow resides at 336 West 4th Street, Erie. Mr. and Mrs. Indich have one daughter, Selena A., born March 25, 1917.

Mr. Indich is a Republican, a member of the Salem church, and belongs to the Masonic lodge, Shrine, Knights of Pythias, Malta, Lions Club, and the Y. M. C. A. He takes an active interest in all charitable organizations and is a firm believer in the Community Chest and anything pertaining to the welfare of the city of Erie and the country of his adoption. Mr. Indich recently purchased a beautiful suburban home located on Chestnut Hill.

During the summer of 1924 Mr. Indich visited his mother and other relatives in Poland.

C. D. Condon is a reliable and well known business man of Erie, where he is proprietor of the Condon Printing Company. He was born at Waverly, Ohio, July 24, 1887, and is the son of R. L. and Eliza Condon.

C. D. Condon spent his boyhood at Waverly, Ohio, and after completing his high school course took up the study of law. He later became interested in advertising and in 1920 established his present printing business. Beginning with practically no financial backing, Mr. Condon has developed a business that ranks among the leading printing establishments of the city. He is known as a high-grade job printer.

Mr. Condon was married, Dec. 25, 1914, to Miss Mary Sullivan, of Erie, and they have five children: Thomas Day, John K., Barbara, Mary Alice, and Catherine.

Mr. Condon is identified with the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union of North America, and has held various offices in this organization.

Walter A. Dart, secretary of the Lake Shore Ice Cream Company, is among the leading business men of Erie. He was born at Hamburg, N. Y., June 25, 1888, and is the son of Allen and Catherine Dart.

Mr. and Mrs. Dart, deceased, were the parents of four children: Raymond, associated with the Standard Oil Company at Hamburg, N. Y.; Mollie, married Fitch Hoag, lives in Buffalo; Warren, lives at Elmira, N. Y.; and Walter A., the subject of this sketch.

Walter A. Dart received his education in the Hamburg schools and after his graduation from high school entered the employ of the Fairport

(N. Y.) Packing Company. He was later connected with the William Hengerer Company of Buffalo, N. Y., and in 1913 located in Erie. He has since been identified with the Lake Shore Ice Cream Company, which was organized the previous year by L. W. Mathias and F. L. Randall.

The Lake Shore Ice Cream Company has an annual output of 500,000 gallons of ice cream and distributes its products within a radius of 150 miles of Erie. It is among the largest and most modern plants of its kind in this section of the state. About 50 people are employed and 15 automobile trucks are in operation.

On Sept. 11, 1923, Mr. Dart was united in marriage with Miss Lillian Stirling of Erie.

Mr. Dart is a Republican, a 32nd degree Mason, and belongs to the Shrine, Zem Zem Temple, Kahkwa Club, Erie Country Club, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Charles John Kuenzig, deceased, was one of the well known and dependable citizens of Erie County. He was born in Baden, Germany, in 1859, and died in August, 1916. He was the son of George and Eva (Popp) Kuenzig, both of whom are deceased.

After coming to this country in 1870, Charles John Kuenzig lived in Pittsburgh, where he was employed by his uncle, Andrew Popp, baker and confectioner. Later he lived at Carnegie, Pa., and remained there until 1910, when he removed to a farm of 50 acres in Girard Township. Mr. Kuenzig lived retired on this place until his death in 1916. His wife lives there now and is extensively interested in real estate.

Mr. Kuenzig was married in 1886 to Miss Anna Kraus, who was born in Baden, Germany, the daughter of Frank and Catherine (Meckle) Kraus, natives of Germany and the parents of the following children: Margaret, deceased; Mary, the widow of Andrew Leonard, lives in Pittsburgh; Albertine, married Jacob Nusseaumer, lives in Pittsburgh; Mrs. Kuenzig; and Amelia, married Frank Nash, lives in Pittsburgh.

To Charles John and Anna (Kraus) Kuenzig nine children were born, as follows: Clement C., a druggist at North Girard; George A., engaged in the real estate business, Buffalo, N. Y.; Edwin Jacob, lives at Westfield, N. Y., is a World War veteran; Leo P., lives in Pittsburgh; Raymond A., vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, North Girard; Charles J., assistant manager of the Liggett Drug Company in Erie, is also a World War veteran; Marie Anna, a student of music, lives with her mother;

Margaret Dorothy, also a student of music; and Walter, died in infancy. There are three grandchildren: Amelia, Thelma, and William Kuenzig.

Mr. Kuenzig was a Republican. He was highly respected in the community and the Kuenzig family are representative citizens of Erie County.

George M. Lyle, secretary of the Elks Lodge, No. 67, Erie, Pa., is a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Erie, where he has spent his life. He was born in this city, May 22, 1875, and is the son of Walter W. and Elizabeth (Lamb) Lyle, both of whom are deceased. During his active career, Walter W. Lyle was a successful building contractor.

George M. Lyle was educated in the public and high schools of Erie and when a young man engaged in the contracting business with Frank P. Coyle, now of New York City. He has served as secretary of the Elks lodge for 11 years and during his term of office the membership has increased from 400 to 2,500 members. The present club building was erected in 1902 and is valued at $750,000. It is modern throughout and contains an auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,500, an excellent dining room, recreation rooms, swimming pool, as well as living quarters for members. The efforts of the Elks lodge along charitable lines are well known in Erie County, and $8,000 are spent annually for this purpose.

In February, 1918, Mr. Lyle was married to Miss Anna Hurley, of Erie.

Mr. Lyle is a Republican, and has served as a member of the common council, from the first ward, for eight years. He is identified with the Erie Yacht Club, Eagle and Moose lodges, and belongs to the Erie Maennerchor.

Rev. Joseph L. Hurley, pastor of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, is a leading and influential citizen of Erie. He was born in this city, April 18, 1884, and is the son of Daniel J. and Catherine (Hayden) Hurley.

Daniel J. Hurley was born at Whitinsville, Mass., as was also his wife. In 1876 he settled in Erie, where he founded the Hurley Manufacturing Company. Mr. Hurley is deceased and his widow resides in Erie. They had three children: John F., and Emmett D., proprietors of the Erie Dray Company; and Reverend Joseph, the subject of this sketch.

Joseph L. Hurley received his early education at public school No. 16, and also attended Cathedral School. In 1912 after completing a course at Niagara University, he was ordained to the priesthood and spent the following two years in post-graduate work at the Catholic University of

America, Washington, D. C. After serving as pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Erie from July, 1913, until 1921, Reverend Hurley was appointed pastor Holy Rosary Church in May, 1922.

Holy Rosary Catholic Church was erected in 1922. A school was completed in September, 1924, which has an enrollment of 90 students. Reverend Hurley was appointed Director of Catholic Charities in 1921, and had complete charge in the drive for funds of the new home for Catholic children, which was erected in 1923 at a cost of $500,000. A new club house has also been completed under Reverend Hurley's direction and this also serves as a recreation center for his parishoners. It is an attractive building, with social rooms, recreation rooms, gymnasium, bowling alleys, billiard room, and library.

Henry C. Markwood, who is successfully engaged in the real estate and building business in Erie, is a native of Erie County. He was born at Fairview, Oct. 16, 1875, and is a son of Christopher J. and Minnie (Suchland) Markwood.

Christopher J. Markwood, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Germany and at an early age came to this country and settled at Harbor Creek, where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil War. He served throughout the war, being one of the first volunteers from Erie County and one of the last to be discharged. Mr. Markwood was a member of Company K, 145th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and took part in many of the important engagements of the war. He was wounded at Appotomax. After leaving the service he was married to Miss Minnie Suchland, also a native of Germany, and they located at Fairview, Pa., where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Markwood was successfully engaged in farming during his life and owned a well improved farm. There were four children in the Markwood family: Minnie, deceased; Sophia, born July 24, 1873, married Alpheus G. Woodruff, lives at Factoryville, Pa.; Henry C., the subject of this sketch; and Levi R., born April 12, 1882, lives at Factoryville, Pa.

Henry C. Markwood was educated in the Fairview public schools and was graduated from Erie Business College in 1893. When a young man he became connected with the Erie Lithographing & Printing Company, in whose employ he remained 15 years, being superintendent of the plant at the time of his resignation. In 1917 Mr. Markwood became interested in the real estate business and established offices in the Ariel Building. In 1921 he became associated with Mr. Johnson in the building business.

The firm is known as Johnson and Markwood, and at the present time Mr. Markwood is developing three allotments, known as "Wesleyville Acres", "Kelso Park", and "Edgewood".

Mr. Markwood was married to Miss Henrietta M. Howe, a native of Erie County, and the daughter of Leon and Anna (Walker) Howe, both deceased. They have a son, Donald Howe Markwood, a student in the University of Cincinnati.

Mr. Markwood is a member of the Sanford Presbyterian Church. He is an elder of the church and his wife is active in Sabbath School and Missionary Society work. Mr. Markwood is a member of the Erie Builders Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a capable, industrious and progressive man, and is known as a substantial member of his community.

Dr. G. S. Dickinson, physician and surgeon of Erie, with offices at 140 West 8th Street, is a member of one of Pennsylvania's honored pioneer families. He was born in Erie, in April, 1870, and is the son of John Sanford and Ellen M. (Clarke) Dickinson.

John Sanford Dickinson was born in Wattsburg, Pa., April 6, 1837, the son of the late Dr. Sanford Dickinson, at one time one of the state's most prominent physicians. The latter was a native of Norwich, N. Y., born Sept. 7, 1808, of Scotch descent. In 1832 he was graduated from the College of Physicians & Surgeons of New York City, and after several years located in Erie, where he won fame as a medical practitioner. He died Feb. 28, 1881, and his wife, Rebecca (Judson) Dickinson, died several years after their marriage. He was later married in 1838 to Harriett Maxwell of Wattsburg, Pa. By his first marriage, Doctor Dickinson had two children, John Sanford and Mrs. Celia Smith.

John Sanford Dickinson was educated in Erie Academy and at the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the navy and served throughout the war, being captured by the Confederates in February, 1863. He remained a prisoner until the following May, a portion of the time in the Libby prison, and after being exchanged he went on board the U. S. S. Utah, where he remained until June, 1864, when on account of impaired health, he was honorably discharged. The following two years were spent in the Treasury Department at Washington and in May, 1866, he returned to Erie and engaged in business with his father on State Street, where they owned a large drug business. He died June 5, 1888, and is buried in Erie. Mr. Dickinson was married on April 27, 1864, to Miss

Ellen M. Clarke, the daughter of Maj. Robert and Martha Ann (Talbott) Clarke, of Washington. To them eleven children were born, three of whom died in infancy. The others were: Rebecca, married Charles E. Stratton, lives in Los Angeles, Calif.; Robert Clarke, a druggist, lives in Erie; John Sanford, who died at the age of 14 years; Dr. G. S., the subject of this sketch; Jane M.; Harriett M. Davis, lives in Erie; Charles Seymoure and Cecelia Dickinson.

Dr. G. S. Dickinson received his early education in the Erie schools and then entered Georgetown University at Washington, D. C. After receiving his degree there he studied at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, and later in New York City, where he took post-graduate work. He then went to Berlin, Germany, where he took a special course in gastro intestinal diseases, in which branch of medicine he is now a national authority. After his return to Erie, Doctor Dickinson was located at the Soldiers Home with Doctor Chapin. After a year's time he went to New York, where he served as a member of the staff of the Good Samaritan Hospital. He is now a member of the staff of Hamot Hospital in Erie, and is recognized as a thoroughly capable man in his profession.

Doctor Dickinson is identified with the local, state and national medical societies and is a registered druggist, having engaged in the drug business with his father before taking up the study of medicine. He is a member of the Masonic and Elks lodges, and has served as president of the Erie Board of Health.

S. V. Stewart, vice president and general manager of the Ajax Iron Works, is a prominent business man and highly esteemed citizen of Corry. He was born at Morrisville, N. Y., March 27, 1883, and is the son of James S. and Emmeline (Tucker) Stewart.

James S. Stewart was a native of Stewartstown, Canada. He was a graduate of Colgate University and became a leading attorney of Morrisville, N. Y. He was a Republican and was prominent in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, deceased, were the parents of five children: John A., who has been president of the New York State Republican League for a number of years, lives in New York city; James B., lives in New York city; Mary, married John H. Broad, lives at Morrisville, N. Y.; Elizabeth, lives at Morrisville, N. Y.; and S. V., the subject of this sketch.

S. V. Stewart was educated in the public and high schools of Morrisville; was graduated from Mercersburg Academy in 1903, and from Cornell University in 1907 as a mechanical engineer. He immediately came

to Corry where he became connected with the Ajax Iron Works as an engineer. He is secretary and treasurer of the Standard Automotive Products Company of Corry, and president of the Corry Hotel Company.

In 1911 Mr. Stewart was married to Miss A. C. Corcoran, a native of Lowville, N. Y.

In politics Mr. Stewart is identified with the Republican party. He is president of the Corry Country Club and belongs to the Elks lodge and Kiwanis Club.

George R. Steiger, postmaster of Albion, is a prominent young man of Erie County. He was born at Conneautville, Pa., July 19, 1892, and is the son of Fred and Bertha (Cutshall) Steiger.

Fred Steiger, who lives retired at Conneautville, is a native of that place. He was a blacksmith by trade and for many years conducted a carriage works at that place. His wife, who was born at Meadville, Pa., died May 4, 1910, and is buried at Conneautville. To Mr. and Mrs. Steiger the following children were born: George R., the subject of this sketch; Ruby, married A. L. Olson, a World War veteran, lives at Albion, and is employed by the Bessemer Railroad; Kenneth, married and lives at Conneautville, Pa.; and Rodney, a student.

George R. Steiger was graduated from Conneautville High School in 1910 and later from Edinboro State Normal School. He was a teacher in the district schools of Crawford County for two years, taught at Kane, Pa., for one year, and at Beaver Center, Pa., for two years. In 1916 he entered the employ of the Bessemer Railroad as a freight trainman and on Aug. 1, 1920, was promoted to assistant trainmaster at Albion. He resigned his position Oct. 24, 1922, to accept his present position as postmaster. While in the employ of the railroad he held various offices in the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and was a delegate to conventions held at Chicago, Philadelphia and other cities.

In 1912 Mr. Steiger was united in marriage with Miss Ruth McLallen, who was born at Edinboro, Pa., Sept. 15, 1893. She is a daughter of W. W. and Ida (Fellows) McLallen, natives of Erie County and residents of Edinboro.

Mr. Steiger was one of the organizers and served as first president of the Boosters Club of Albion. He is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Moose lodge. He is a citizen of material worth to his community.

John F. Bieber is a successful and well known young business man of Erie, where he is agent for the Buick automobile. He was born in this city, Feb. 8, 1891, and is the son of Fred J. and Catherine Bieber. Fred J. Bieber is deceased and his widow resides in Erie.

John F. Bieber attended Sacred Heart Academy in Erie, and then engaged in the clothing manufacturing business for 10 years with the Strauss Manufacturing Company. His next business venture was in the automobile field at Peach and 10th streets, where he was agent for the Marmon automobile for six years. Since 1918 Mr. Bieber has had the agency for the Buick. He employs 40 people and has a 300-car garage, covering 41,500 square feet. Mr. Bieber owns one of the finest and most modernly equipped garages in the city and has an attractive salesroom.

On May 29, 1920, Mr. Bieber was married to Miss Pauline R. Kuhn, of Erie.

Politically, Mr. Bieber is a Republican. He is a member of the Catholic church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Elks lodge, and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a director of the Erie Motor Club, past president of the Automobile Dealers Association, vice president of the Used Car Exchange of Erie, and he also belongs to the Rotary Club and the Y. M. C. A.

James S. Whitehill, who owns 225 acres of good farm land in North East Township, is one of the successful and well known fruit farmers of Erie County. He was born at North East, May 4, 1872, and is the son of Samuel Platt and Catherine S. (Smedley) Whitehill.

James and John Whitehill emigrated from the north of Ireland in 1723 and settled in Lancaster County, Pa. John, the ancestor of George, settled in Leacock Township. George Whitehill married Sally Montgomery, daughter of Hugh Montgomery of Revolutionary record, about 1784, at Paxtang, Pa. They soon moved to Brownville, on the Monongahela River, but in 1790, owing to the Indian depredations which were occurring along the entire frontier, they abandoned their home and took refuge in Virginia, where they remained until 1798 when they moved to Beaver County, Pa., where George's brothers, John and James, lived. About this time the brother John died and George inherited part of his brother's estate, but in 1801 he disposed of his share to his brother James and moved north until he reached the present site of North East. In 1805 he purchased 200 acres on the west side of Chautauqua creek, which is now a part of the present town of Westfield. In 1808 George Whitehill and

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son, Hugh, and James Montgomery founded the Presbyterian Church of Westfield. They were also signers of the incorporation of the town of Westfield.

James, the fifth child of George and Sally, was born at Wheeling, Va., March 30, 1797. He was married at Westfield, N. Y., to Sophia, daughter of Nehamiah and Anna (Platt) Platt, Feb. 19, 1822. They moved to North East in 1828 and purchased the farm which is still occupied by the family. They were members of the Presbyterian Church of North East, of which Mr. Whitehill was an elder for many years. They are both buried in Oakfield cemetery, North East.

Samuel Platt Whitehill, youngest son of James and Sophia, was born at the Whitehill home, Aug. 30, 1839. Nov. 26, 1863, he married Catherine Smedley, a native of Connecticut and a daughter of Frederick Smedley. They were members of the Presbyterian church and active workers and also interested in civil work of the community. They are buried in Oakfield cemetery, North East. To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Platt Whitehill were born three children: Jessie A., lives in North East Township; F. John, a leading fruit farmer of North East Township; and James S., the subject of this sketch.

James S. Whitehill has spent his life in North East and has always been interested in fruit farming. With his brother and sister he owns the old Whitehill homestead in North East Township. Mr. Whitehill is a director of the First National Bank and is actively connected with the business affairs of North East.

On Dec. 31, 1897, Mr. Whitehill was married to Miss Edna B. Wilcox, a native of Petersburg, Pa., born Oct. 6, 1873, the daughter of Stephen and Ella (Butt) Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox is deceased and his wife resides with the Whitehill family. A son, Stewart Wilcox, resides in North East. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehill have three children: Louis B., born Oct. 29, 1898, died Feb. 26, 1923, was a graduate of North East High School and the University of Pennsylvania, is buried at Monrovia, Cal.; Catherine E., born Oct. 23, 1901, a student at Cornell University; and Helen Jeanette, born July 5, 1904, a student at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Mr. Whitehill and his family are members of the First Presbyterian Church and he belongs to the Masonic lodge and is a charter member of the North East Golf Club. His wife is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and belongs to the Women's Club of North East and the Eastern Star. The Whitehill family are among the representative citizens of Erie County.

Dr. E. G. Weibel, a leading physician and surgeon of Erie, was born in West Milford Township, Erie County, Sept. 11, 1868, and is the son of John Leo and Leah (Waidley) Weibel.

John L. Weibel was born in Switzerland and came to this country when he was 19 years old and settled in Erie County, where he engaged in the milling business. He met with success and ranked among the pioneer business men of this section.

After attending the district schools, Doctor Weibel entered Edinboro State Normal and was graduated from there in 1891. He immediately entered the army, where he spent three years in the medical corps. After receiving his degree, he went to Bellview Hospital in New York City, and remained there for one year. In 1899 Doctor Weibel located in Erie, where he has a well established practice. During the year 1906 he did post-graduate work in New York and also spent a year in Vienna in the study of medicine. His well equipped X-ray laboratory and offices are located at 215 West 7th Street.

In June, 1899, Doctor Weibel was united in marriage with Miss Kate Donevan, a native of New York, and they have four children, Bessie, John, Elmer, and Gerald.

Doctor Weibel served as president of the Erie County Medical Society in 1923. He is a substantial citizen of Erie and merits the approval in which he is held in the community.

Dr. Ellen Walker Berry, a successful physician of Erie, whose practice is limited to diseases of women and children, to which she has devoted special study and attention, is a native of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Berry was educated in the Cleveland public schools and received her degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1893 from the Cleveland Medical College, which was later absorbed by Ohio State University. She then located at Greenfield, Pa., and a short time later removed to Clarion, Pa., where she practiced her profession for 25 years. In 1918 she removed to Erie and established her office in the Masonic Temple building. Since April 1, 1923, Dr. Berry has been located at 32 West 9th Street.

On Sept. 18, 1918, Dr. Berry was united in marriage with E. C. Berry, who is engaged in the real estate business in Erie.

Dr. Berry is a Republican and is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church. She is well known in Erie and has many friends.

Frank J. Butler, a well known citizen of Erie, highly esteemed for his integrity and industry, was born in this city, July 3, 1875, and is a son of William J. and Emily (McGuire) Butler.

William J. Butler was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1843. At the age of ten years he settled in Toronto, Canada, where he learned the plumber's trade, and in 1867 he removed to Erie, being the first plumber in this city. He engaged in business for himself in 1870 and did contract work on some of the leading buildings in Erie and Pittsburgh, as well as government work.

William J. Butler died Oct. 15, 1915, and his wife died in 1886. They had two sons: Frank J., the subject of this sketch; and George W. A., was a plumbing contractor in Erie, who died April 17, 1924. His place of business was located at 134 East 6th Street, and he served as city plumbing inspector from 1904 until 1914.

Frank J. Butler was reared and educated in Erie and was associated in business with his father from 1890 until 1908, at which time he established his business at 1702 State Street. He removed to his present location, 1926 Peach Street, in 1913.

On Oct. 7, 1896, Mr. Butler was married to Miss Ida R. Groves, of Erie, and they had the following children: Frank J., died in infancy; Emily V., married Leigh Ore, lives at Harbor Creek, Pa.; Frank J., died in infancy; Lolita Winifred, at home; Adelaide, died in infancy; and Annetta G., at home. Mrs. Butler died in 1908, and on April 17, 1911, Mr. Butler was married to Miss Katherine A. Dreyer.

Mr. Butler is a Democrat, and belongs to the Elks lodge and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a substantial citizen and has an extensive acquaintance throughout the community.

Leo Gallanis, proprietor of the Erie Restaurant, is a substantial and highly respected citizen of Erie. He is a native of Greece, born Jan. 25, 1902, and the son of Gust and Eleanor (Solanticas) Gallanis.

Gust Gallanis came to this country from his native land in 1911 and established a barber shop at 1027 State Street, Erie. Two years later he removed to 1029 State Street, where he remained five years. Mr. Gallanis also conducted a fruit business at State and 12th Streets until 1918, at which time he sold his interest and returned to Greece, where he now lives retired. To Mr. and Mrs. Gallanis eight children were born, as fol-

lows: Louis, Thomas and Leo, all engaged in the restaurant business together; Mrs. Mary Chronis, lives in Erie, where her husband is engaged in business at 1029 State Street; Bessie, Demetro, Olympia, and Catherine, all live in Greece.

Leo Gallanis was educated in Greece and came to this country with his mother in 1912. For several years he was employed in his father's stores and in 1921 with his brothers, Louis and Thomas, he purchased the Erie Restaurant, which is located at 1101 State Street. Good food is served at reasonable price and Messrs. Gallanis have already established a fine business.

Mr. Gallanis and his brothers are unmarried. They hold membership in the Greek Orthodox Church and are well known in Erie, where they have many friends and acquaintances.

William L. Barthel, a prominent business man of Erie, and a well known and substantial citizen of his community, was born in Erie, Sept. 27, 1888, and is the son of Charles G. and Mary (Zink) Barthel.

Charles G. Barthel, deceased, was born in Zweibricken, Germany. At the age of 21 years he came here and after living in Buffalo for a short time, removed to Erie, where he worked at his trade as tinner. This was in 1861. He was employed by the Murphy Brothers Sheet Metal & Hardware Company, Erie's pioneer business house, and was an expert in his line. Among Mr. Barthel's work is the dome of St. Mary's School, which was made of copper. He died in 1897, and is buried in Erie Cemetery. His wife, also a native of Germany, died in 1921 at the age of 73 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Barthel four children were born: Mrs. Emma A. Hollingsworth, lives in Erie in the old homestead at 1819 Sassafras Street; Charles, lives in Texas; Clara Louise Shackelton, lives at 509 East 5th Street; and William L., the subject of this sketch.

William L. Barthel attended the public and high schools of Erie and when he was 14 years old went to work in order to pay his high school expenses. His first employment was as a messenger boy for the Pennsylvania Railroad and in 1907 he was employed by the Second National Bank as a messenger. Mr. Barthel was promoted from various positions and became assistant cashier of that bank. His next position was with the Ralston Purania Mills, selling health foods, under the supervision of W. J. Willard. Later, he became associated with the Seigel Oil Company,

but returned to his former position with Mr. Willard. In March, 1922, Mr. Barthel embarked in the brokerage business for himself with offices at 15th and German Streets. He has a well established business and is widely known as a dependable business man.

On July 28, 1923, Mr. Barthel was married to Miss Marian Hudson, of Erie, and the daughter of Charles and Carrie (Williams) Hudson, residents of Erie. They have a daughter, Mary Louise, born Nov. 18, 1924.

Mr. Barthel is a Republican, a member of the Church of Christ, and belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Shrine, and the Elks.

E. B. Willis, of Erie, is a member of one of Erie County's oldest and most prominent pioneer families. He is the great-grandson of John Cochran, who settled in Erie in 1809.

Hon. John Cochran was associate judge of Erie County, and built and operated some of the first mills erected in the county. He had two sons, Robert and George. Robert Cochran was born at Milton, Pa., Aug. 10, 1798. He served as postmaster in Erie for twelve years and was a prominent citizen of his time. On Oct. 20, 1822, he was married to Miss Eliza Justice, a native of New Jersey, and to them were born nine children, among them being Martha, mother of the subject of this sketch.

Edwin Willis was a native of Erie. He was an engineer on the Lake Shore Railroad and met an accidental death when E. B., the subject of this sketch, was but 13 months old. His widow remained in Erie until 1869, when she removed to Battle Creek, Mich. After a number of years, however, she returned to Erie, where she died. To Mr. and Mrs. Willis two sons were born: E. B., the subject of this sketch; and John, deceased.

E. B. Willis was born in the old Cochran homestead in Erie, June 29, 1855. He was educated in the schools of Battle Creek, Mich., and upon his return to Erie engaged in the newspaper business. From 1900 until 1916 he published "The People." The original Cochran farm of 50 acres, now known as Bungalow Park, is owned by Mr. Willis, and is one of the exclusive residential sections of Erie.

Mr. Willis was married to Miss Flora E. Warner, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and they have three children, Jessie, Vira, and Roy.

Mr. Willis has in his possession some of the old Cochran silverware, which was made of silver coin. It is such a complete collection that an entire dinner party may be served with it.

Lawrence Bevins, a well known and successful merchant of Erie, was born near Pittsburgh, in Allegheny County, Pa., March 20, 1881, and is a son of William H. and Harriet M. (Holmes) Bevins.

William H. Bevins was a native of Sheffield, Eng., and came to the United States at an early age. He was interested in the oil fields of Pennsylvania and was also superintendent of a steel mill in Pittsburgh. He died in 1901 and is buried at Titusville, Pa. His wife, a native of Chester, Eng., now resides in Erie. Lawrence, the subject of this sketch, was their only child.

Lawrence Bevins spent his boyhood at Titusville and after completing his early education there attended the Armour School of Technology, Chicago. He then became associated with the Western Electric Company at Chicago and later went to Oklahoma City, Okla., as sales manager for the Oklahoma Steel & Iron Works. In 1907 Mr. Bevins removed to Erie to accept a position with the General Electric Company, with whom he remained until 1921. He has since engaged in his present business at 23 East Eighth Street, Mr. Bevins is a wholesale and retail radio dealer and carries a most complete line of supplies. He is also the owner of one of the finest radio stations in the city.

On Sept. 27, 1913, Mr. Bevins was married to Miss Hazel Green of Spartansburg, Pa., and the daughter of Dr. H. Green, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bevins have no children.

Politically Mr. Bevins is a Republican, and he belongs to the Masonic lodge. He is esteemed throughout his community as a reliable man.

C. H. Diehl. One of the citizens of North East who has built up a substantial business is C. H. Diehl, plumbing and heating contractor. He was born here June 30, 1885, and is the son of Louis F. and Elizabeth (Schifferle) Diehl.

Louis F. Diehl was born in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1850. In early life he engaged in general farming and later entered the employ of the North East Water Department, where he remained for 20 years. He now lives retired at North East. His wife, a native of North East Township, died in 1903, at the age of 42 years. Mr. Diehl is a Republican and a member of the Methodist church. There were two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Diehl: William W., lives at North East; and C. H., the subject of this sketch.

C. H. Diehl spent his boyhood at North East and attended the public schools. When a boy he clerked in a local store and later learned the plumbing trade with W. D. Grimes. Mr. Diehl spent some time in the employ of the East Ohio Gas Company of Cleveland and then went to Youngstown, Ohio. He has been located in his present place of business since 1915.

On April 20, 1918, Mr. Diehl was married in Erie to Miss Gertrude Slack of Kane, Pa., and the daughter of John S. Slack. Mr. and Mrs. Diehl have a son, Louis William, born April 20, 1921.

Mr. Diehl is identified with the Republican party, is a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose. He has held the office of fire chief of North East, having been appointed when 18 years of age.

The First National Bank, Albion. (Illustration, p. 1155.) The first men, far-seeing and enterprising enough to stimulate interest and co-operation in an effort to establish a national bank for the growing boro of Albion, were Charles E. Renick, Jesse A. Hall, and Thomas Dolan. Forty-four subscribers assured a capital of $25,000, and it is of particular interest that 80 per cent. of the stock was subscribed by residents of Albion and the immediate vicinity. A lease on a frame building on State Street, owned by Mott Sherman, was secured for a term of five years at $25.00 a month, and therein the First National Bank of Albion opened its doors for business Sept. 14, 1909, with the following officers in charge: Thomas Dolan, president; John Eckert, vice-president, and Will A. Pond, cashier. Under the supervision of an active board of directors, the new institution quickly established itself in the confidence of the community and a steady progress marked the growth of the bank from its earliest days.

In 1914, a purchasing committee, Jesse A. Hall, Charles E. Renick, and Will A. Pond, concluded the deal by which the First National Bank came into possession of the property which it had occupied since its establishment.

In another five years, the bank had outgrown its first home and the pressing need of larger quarters was most gratifying to the stockholders, even though inconvenient to the working corps. Through the unceasing energy and capable management of a building committee, consisting of Jesse A. Hall, chairman; Harry Dershimer, Dr. L. R. Umburn, and C. G. Cherry, a handsome and commodious new fire-proof structure of pearl gray brick and Onondago stone in modified Italian Renaissance architecture was

formally opened to the public on March 3, 1925. The interior of the building is finished in Napoleon gray marble with fittings of mahogany. The vault is built of 18-inch concrete, reinforced with steel, and electrified copper cables. The new home of the First National Bank is on the original site of 90 feet frontage on State Street. The grounds have been landscaped and the institution is a noteworthy credit to Albion.

From the beginning of its career, the bank has paid 4% interest on deposits. A larger capital was necessitated by the demands of the rapidly growing business of the institution, and at the annual stockholders' meeting, Jan. 11, 1924, it was voted to increase the capital stock of the First National Bank of Albion from $25,000 to $50,000. The growth of the bank is attested by the following comparative table of resources:

Opened for business Sept. 14, 1909.

Dec. 31, 1909	$ 74,899.36
June 30, 1913	204,083.99
June 30, 1917	272,136.85
June 30, 1921	502,711.26
June 30, 1925	821,492.19

Two presidents have served the institution: Thomas Dolan and Charles Kennedy; likewise, two vice-presidents: John Eckert and Jesse A. Hall. Three of the bank's cashiers have resigned to accept more lucrative positions in larger institutions: W. A. Pond, C. W. Perrine, and S. E. Nichols. W. L. Hart is the present cashier.

Ray Forbes, Carl Joslin, F. E. Klingensmith, Homer Eckert, and W. L. Hart have filled the position of assistant cashier.

The men who have contributed their services as directors of the bank are: I. M. Lewis; Samuel Beach; John Eckert; Charles Kennedy; C. R. Forbes; Charles E. Renick; J. C. Chaplin; Thomas Dolan, deceased; Jesse A. Hall; John Einhiple, deceased; G. E. McCommons, deceased; Albert H. Rathbun, deceased; Will A. Pond; Samuel Purcell; S. W. Green; S. E. Nichols; Harry Dershimer; Dr. L. R. Umburn; C. G. Cherry, and W. L. Hart.